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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tom Allen

Congratulations to Alan Bias of Virginia, who swept the honors in the Novice class at the annual - first in tank, first in combined, and first in female.

Only about six weeks are left for clubs to pay dues and trophy sponsorship fees and to mail in their completed rosters. To remain in good standing, each club must be represented at our meeting in New York in April. If you cannot attend in person, you can appoint someone to represent you provided the IFGA secretary is notified in writing before the meeting. Don't wait until the last minute!

It looks as though the price of brine shrimp eggs has come down slightly. Word is that a glut of eggs exists and, like in the oil industry, the more inventory, the cheaper the price. Unfortunately, the cans still contain quite a bit of residue which results in dirty tanks and more work for us in maintenance. Again, you can reduce the amount of residue in your filter by holding it under running water, pouring off the residue and adding new floss.

See all of you in Indianapolis...

At the annual meeting in November there was much discussion among the members regarding the article on guppies which appeared in a recent issue of T.F.H. The following is a reprint of the letter that our President has written to T.F.H. Publications concerning this:

Dr. Herbert R. Axelrod, Pres.
T.F.H. Publications, Inc.
P. O. Box 427
Neptune City, New Jersey 07751

Dear Dr. Axelrod:

It is always a pleasure to see feature articles on the guppy appear in aquarium periodicals with the wide distribution of T.F.H. However, Dr. Axelrod, you do yourself, as a noted authority on the tropical fish hobby, and your readers a disservice as the pictures you used in the article are terribly outdated and are not representative of the quality of guppies being bred in North America and Europe at this time. In addition, your strain descriptions are nowhere close to the standards which have been adopted as gospel in our hobby today. You have given your readers a grossly incorrect impression of the dedication of pioneers like Mahnel and countless others who have worked for years to improve the genetic makeup of their stock and bring the strains up to today's standards.

As president of the International Fancy Guppy Association, the governing body of the guppy hobby in North America, I am disappointed that a person in your position would not be aware of our organization's existence as no mention of the IFGA was made in the article. By withholding references to the IFGA, you lead your readers to believe that no standardization of strains at naming convention has ever taken place. This is the farthest from the truth. To prove my point, I've enclosed a copy of the IFGA Judging Standards for your library. Please make use of this material in all articles on the guppy. I also offer the services of the IFGA to you and your staff and encourage you to make use of our expertise in the future.

Regards,
Tom Allen
1. IFGA President/Judging Board Chairman

THANK YOU

from John Wolcott

I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you very much for the honor of being inducted into the Guppy Hall of Fame. When I received the news of this honor I was truly overjoyed. Being part of the IFGA for the past 15 years, and having had the opportunity to enjoy the friendship with our many members, this tribute is like the "icing on the cake".

I will continue to support the IFGA whenever I can and hopefully in the not too distant future I will join you all on the show circuit. My thanks again.

FROM THE NOMINATING CHAIRMAN

by Elvin Cooney

At the annual meeting in Hempstead, New York last November, President Tom Allen asked me to chair the nominating committee for the election of officers of the 1986-87 term. Naturally, I accepted and asked two more members to serve with me. Gene Golimowski and Ellen Armitage graciously accepted.

Our present officers are doing a superb job and have been for a number of years, however, there are members that can do an equally superb job. Healthy competition for our executive offices would be beneficial to our organization. Please bear in mind that the persons nominated should be qualified for the office he or she should be running for.

The nominating committee has been entrusted with the difficult task of presenting a single slate of officers to the members at the meeting, however, please remember that any member may present a nomination from the floor at the annual meeting in Maumee Valley on November 8-9-10, 1985.

Between now and the outlying meeting of the Big Apple Club in April 20-21, 1985, please discuss this important topic at your monthly meetings. If any member would accept a nomination (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) please contact a member of the nominating committee so we can present nominations at the meeting on April 20-21, 1985.

All clubs in the Western Geographical Division should contact Gene Golimowski, Clubs in the Central Division should contact Ellen Armitage, and clubs in the East contact Elvin Cooney. If it is more convenient for you to call or write a member of the committee to discuss a possible nominee, please feel free to do so.

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FROM THE PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

by Jim Thale

At the annual meeting in November forms were given to the clubs hosting shows in the 1985 season. Show chairmen were to fill these out with all the show information and return to me for advertising purposes. As of this date I have received very little response - PLEASE this is important. I need this for advance publicity in the leading aquarium magazines.

FROM THE JUDGING BOARD

by Tom Allen

This is just a reminder that all of you, assistant and accredited judges alike, must attend at least one judging seminar in the next two years. In addition, assistant judges must judge a minimum of 5 classes at 1 show in 1985. Anyone who defaults on one or both of these requirements will no longer be considered an IFGA judge. To be reinstated, you will have to retake and pass the judging (written or visual) test and get the approval of the judging board.

Keep in mind, also, that fish not having a specific class will follow the chart(s) until it meets the requirements for another class. This is particularly the case for the Albino female.

HELP!

by Capt. Frank Ortesa
Guppy Associates of Franker
Cleveland

Dear Friends of the Show Guppy,

We have had a small setback here at G.A.G.C. I just found out Monday, January 7th, that we have lost our show site for our upcoming show this May. It seems the Mall has changed it's format and does not let their room out for more than one day at a time. Naturally, this was a great shock to all of our club members. Our show is only 4 months away and we had to make a decision on whether to cancel our show or not. Charlie Hall, Ron Rush, John & Rina Bosolt and myself agreed we'd find somewhere to hold it - the Show must go on!!

I can't begin to tell you how many phone calls we all made in a 4 day period. Thanks to Rina Bosolt we have found a very nice hotel close to the Airport that wants us to hold our show there. After going there with Rina and checking it out I was very impressed and we decided that's where our show is going to be.

There is a problem though. Our treasury is very low - we've just paid out some dues and for our Bowl Shop trophy's. You see the Mall site was free so we had no special functions to raise any extra money. We have committed ourselves to a large expense to hold this show, but we feel we are doing the right thing. One of the most disappointing things is to find out a show has been cancelled - we do not, we will not let that happen. G.A.G.C. is having a show May 18-19, 1985 - but we will need your help. All of your help. The more of you that come to our show the less the show will cost us. The Hotel has agreed to lower our cost of the main show room if we raised the price of the rooms by \$5.00. This was our idea and we feel fortunate that the Hotel agreed to work with us on this.

HELP!.....

All the rooms have just been remodeled in extremely good taste. Some of the features of the Hotel are a large game room, a very attractive dining room, a lounge bar, and many others. The room for our show is spacious and with good fluorescent lighting. We also have a very nice room on the same level as the show room for the hospitality room. Close by the Hotel are shopping malls, restaurants and all sorts of entertainment. The Hotel provides free transportation to and from the Airport. Please when you are circling your calendar for shows you are going to - circle May 18-19!! I will personally send out a brochure of the Hotel to everyone who makes a room reservation. I know you'll be impressed with the Hotel, and remember the best shows are always the ones with the largest turnouts.

Before I list the room rates, please remember these shows are for all of us - without them the hobby is dead.

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At these prices you can't afford not to come! I've saved the best for the last, these prices include free breakfast on Sunday morning! I'll be sitting by my phone waiting for your call. Phone: 216-475-3991

FEEDBACK

In the December 1984 issue was an article "On the Outside Looking In" written by A. Member. From comments we have received it has led several of the IFGA clubs to take a second look at what their meetings have to offer members (new and old). The following are responses to this article:

from Bill St. Clair
Gateway Guppy Associates

I am writing in response to the article submitted by our unknown member (U.M.) Before I comment on the article I would like to assure "U.M." that there was no need for anonymity. You are entitled to your opinions and would be respected for expressing them. While I don't agree with some of your comments I want to thank you very much for your article. You have hit on a very important subject ---- "It's Showtime".

I send a caution to all clubs. Many of you run a very real risk of losing sincere members because you can't find time for education. We in Gateway find ourselves in this same situation---all work and no play. We tell ourselves that it is due to our small numbers. With twelve active members, you discuss an issue and then take a vote. You almost always have a clear majority. With a coxy group of five active members it is very easy for the most simple of questions to turn into a "round table" discussion--hence a three hour business meeting with no real guppy talk. In honesty, I think we must ask ourselves if our long-winded business meetings aren't the reason why our active membership is so low. The one saving grace to our situation is that we do meet in each other's homes and so we simply don't allow the day to pass without at least casual guppy talk. I consider myself a real guppy person and an asset to Gateway Guppy and yet if I found myself in a sterile meeting room situation such as described by "U.M.", I'm not sure if I could stay active.

Whether we want to admit it or not, many of our clubs probably need help or advice on programs. I am asking each club to send me a list of programs that have been given by their clubs in the past. I will make no effort to edit this information, I will only eliminate the duplications from the various clubs. I will then submit the list to Ann to be published in one or more bulletins as she deems best.

FEEDBACK.....

Please take this appeal seriously. Your suggestions might be just what some club needs to get it out of the doldrums. IT IS SERIOUS!!!

Now briefly on to the remainder of the article. When John Doe offered an address rather than advice on how to scientifically improve U.M.'s present strain, it would seem to me that perhaps he was trying to protest you. He knew you were a novice and perhaps wasn't sure that you were ready for the trials and disappointments that come with working with a lesser quality line. The question you asked was an intelligent one showing that you had more than a basic knowledge. Is it not possible that you dropped the ball by accepting the address and not pushing for the right answer. As a novice, up to this point, I have not found one person not willing to share their knowledge, but sometimes it is up to you to keep asking the right questions.

As to the quick judging of the Novice class - was it a quick look because it was Novice or is it not possible that the various degrees of qualities only called for a five second examination. It does happen! You should have asked the judges questions on their placings.

I am disappointed in "U.M.'s" paragraph on clones. If ten people divide a single drop of fish and make no crosses, after 15 months you can still say they are all the "X" line of guppy but they are far from clones. By not culling or by culling in different directions - dorsal, caudal, size, etc. most of them will be far from clones. As for making a few crosses and then calling a line your own, from my personal experience, after only one of my special crosses, I would probably receive a personal note from a Stan Shubel or Mike Lastella thanking me for NOT associating them with the results. It is your line and your stuck with it.

I sense a criticism of the bulletin and I could not disagree strong enough. I, too would like to know why more people don't show or learn about the problems people have but if the articles are not submitted, they can't be printed. "U.M." - keep yourself in mind. You didn't sign your name. Someone even a little more hesitant wouldn't even send an article in. The result is a publication with articles by the same 20 people who are willing to share their thoughts. The IFGA cannot force anyone to submit an article. Perhaps, "U.M.", your article will encourage others to get off the fence and write those articles. Thank you again for sending it.

On a different subject - Gateway Guppy is pleased to follow the IFGA guidelines. In June we will have classes for Half-Black Red Females and Bronze Females. In addition, we will have Albino Females and we will split the Bronze males into Delta and Veil. Keep this in mind now and plan on joining us at our show in June.

Clubs - Please don't forget to send me those programs. Address:
Bill St. Clair
8904 Pearce Drive
Berkeley, Missouri 63134

from Josh Wilson
Pennsylvania Keystone Guppy Assoc.

Dear A. Member,,

In response to your article "On the outside looking in"; I find we have several things in common. I too had been in the business of keeping tropical fish for over twenty years but never interested in breeding. Last spring I had a choice of throwing out what was left of a neglected fish set up or going into it with renewed vigor and interest. I must admit that on a bet I choose the latter. I looked for some fancy guppies at a local store and started breeding for the sole purpose of gaining experience,

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not to advance the strains I had purchased. I looked around the area for guppy breeders, took six books on guppies out at the city library, and asked all the pet stores about raising guppies. I finally found a breeder in a nearby town and visited him that same evening. I came away with no sound advice since he bred only by the harem method but he did introduce me to TPH from which I learned about the IFGA and immediately wrote the membership chairperson. A return letter packed with informative guppy articles from Vi Gollmowski gave me a wonderful boost. Then I wrote the Guppy Swap Shop and received the names of several persons who were willing to sell quality stock. That is how I became acquainted with Joe Smith, he graciously explained what he could through the mail and with an invitation from both Vi and Joe I attended the Akron Show. I observed and asked questions and thanks to a fast filled extemporaneous lecture on guppies from Vi I was feeling much more comfortable and was acquiring a good foundation in guppy raising.

I too wanted to join a guppy club but it had been three months since I had written several letters of inquiry as to the club's meeting time and place and how I could become a member. I never did receive any follow up reply to my inquiries. I saw some guppies that interested me in Akron and was given the name of the breeder. I wrote him, went to the next show and visited his fish room. That is how I started my search for knowledge in breeding from Vic Piteo who is waiting for me to finish some books on genetics and then we can discuss more breeding techniques. I have now found where an IFGA club meets and after a two hour trip I attended my first meeting and became a member. I too found show talk and politics dominated the meetings and although I was invited to ask any questions there was no part of the meeting set aside for discussions on what most beginners would like to hear...how to breed and raise quality stock guppies.

Your question on what a qualifying guppy is seems simple enough. If we attend just one show a year and compare the first to fourth place fish in different categories at a show, this should give us a good first hand example of what is good, better and best. By compiling the points given for size and color from the judging rules booklet, we can determine approximately how our fish will qualify. I believe, however, the more decentralized the judging qualification testing becomes the more diverse the interpretation. I don't like waiting until July for the next seminar but I would rather have two compatible, quality presentations each year than many sessions with diverse material. I agree every member should know specifically what a judge is looking for and this is where the judging booklet comes in. It needs clarification, more specifics and an expansion of articles; and I would like to make this my pet project to urge these changes and help assemble a clear and concise booklet from the judging board that will be like a self instruction booklet on "How to judge, point, and compare the Guppy".

Local clubs can certainly give sample written and visual tests for the purpose of preparing the judge candidate; I wonder if any clubs would consider this added burden. I took both tests for the first time in St. Louis and felt lost because of lack of experience. Knowing how to point your fish lets you know for instance that you must improve the color match of the dorsal or size of the caudal. How do you do this? Some say only a male carries the genes for dorsal color, that females with long slender peduncles produce mostly veil males while females with short wide peduncles produce more delta males. What we really need is a good expanded chart showing what is dominant and what is recessive to help those who are interested in developing new strains or improving old strains. What therefore, is usually carried by the X and the Y chromosomes? Our experience with genes should be shared.

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Perhaps we should try a "program chairperson" in each of the clubs who will plan out a schedule of interests for the beginner, the serious breeder and the show oriented guppy raiser followed by a period of active and open discussion.

Looking through the past IPGA publications I see several articles which can be assembled into a "Guide for raising and breeding guppies", for reference for interested persons like you. Instead of reprinting these articles over again in the monthly publications they would be a collection of articles which can be expanded and updated yearly. The suggestion had been made for several years in past articles to assemble some top breeders and tape record a discussion by them on different problems and breeding methods. Then send loan copies of the tape to any interested clubs. But you are right we need the backing of the officers or the judging board to start an educational program and make it work. The local clubs don't seem to have this interest and are composed of hard core long time breeders. They are responsible for keeping the club in existence and hosting the shows, and they possess a wealth of experience and information, but are not actively promoting an expansion and revitalization of the fancy guppy hobby.

What I propose is to make a video tape of the next judging seminar that can be loaned to clubs and prospective judging candidates. This can also be done for a feeding, breeding, record keeping informal session as was held at the last show. Since there seems to be a lack of effective communication and many clubs are not fulfilling the needs of many new members and dispersing knowledge, let's make use of modern technology which can effectively solve some of these problems. If we can't get everyone out to the shows and meetings--let's take some of the shows, exhibits and meetings to the members. What better way to explain what IPGA is all about.

MISCELLANEOUS BREEDING FACTS

by Charlie Zeach
Gateway Guppy Associates

This might be of help to someone having trouble getting young from their guppies.

When I had my larger setup of tanks, I usually put the breeders in a five gallon tank. Also I used two or three males to each female, whenever possible. Especially if the females were older or larger. Recently I set up a 70 and a 20 gallon tank to try my luck with some half black pistol guppies. Four males and five females were put in the 70 tank with the idea of putting the young in the 20 tank. In a few days, one of the females dropped 21 young. These were moved to the 20 tank.

The female that had the young was not one I liked, so I gave her away. The best (my opinion?) and largest female died and I gave another of the females away. I added three females and one male of the only dropping of young and gave the balance away. Now this should be an ideal set up. Still no young! Two of the old males died. Still no young! One more old female died and still no young!

After 3 1/2 months, my brain finally got into gear. I moved the breeders to the 20 tank. After losing one more male and female of the old I was left with three young females; one old and one young male. In 30 days I had my first batch of young and another female impregnated. The lesson to be learned from all this will be remembered. The males just cannot catch the females and get the job done in a large tank! The young are doing nicely in the 70 gallon and it should hold a lot of young.

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3:00 Benching Ends

6:30 Judging Starts

Sunday

10:00 Open to Public

1:00 Awards

Debenching following awards

No Exceptions

GENERAL RULES:

1. Exhibitors will determine the class of fish, however, assistance will be available at time of entry if needed.
2. All entries improperly classified will be disqualified.
3. No gravel, greens or decorating items will be permitted.
4. I.G.B. or G.A.L. assumes no responsibility for any loss of fish.
5. Lighting will be overhead fluorescent.
6. Judging will be according to I.F.G.A. standards, all decisions will be final.
7. All entry fees will be prepaid. Any entries not prepaid will be auctioned.
8. There will be a silent auction held on Sunday, beginning at 12:00. 35% of all auction receipts will be retained by I.G.B. and G.A.L.
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ENTRIES:

Single entries - To be exhibited in 1/2 gallon drum bowls, 3/4 filled with water.

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2. Correct return postage and entry fees must accompany all shipments or they will be auctioned.
3. Airmail packages should be shipped to: Milford Morgan, 4824 E. New York St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46201
4. Air freight shipments should be sent to Indianapolis Intl. Airport.
Contact: Bob Albright, 538 Northgate Dr., Greenwood, Indiana 46140
Home Phone: 317-881-7321
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I.G.B./G.A.L. RULES.....

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Black	Black	Gold
Multi	Multi	A.O.C.
Purple	Purple	H/B A.O.C.
A.O.C.	A.O.C.	H/B Red
H/B Red	H/B Red	Bronze
H/B Blue	H/B Blue	Novice
H/B Yellow	H/B Yellow	
H/B Pastel	H/B Pastel	COMBINED
H/B A.O.C.	H/B A.O.C.	Bronze
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Please make reservations by March 17, 1985.

For any show information contact: Bill Orth, Show Chairman
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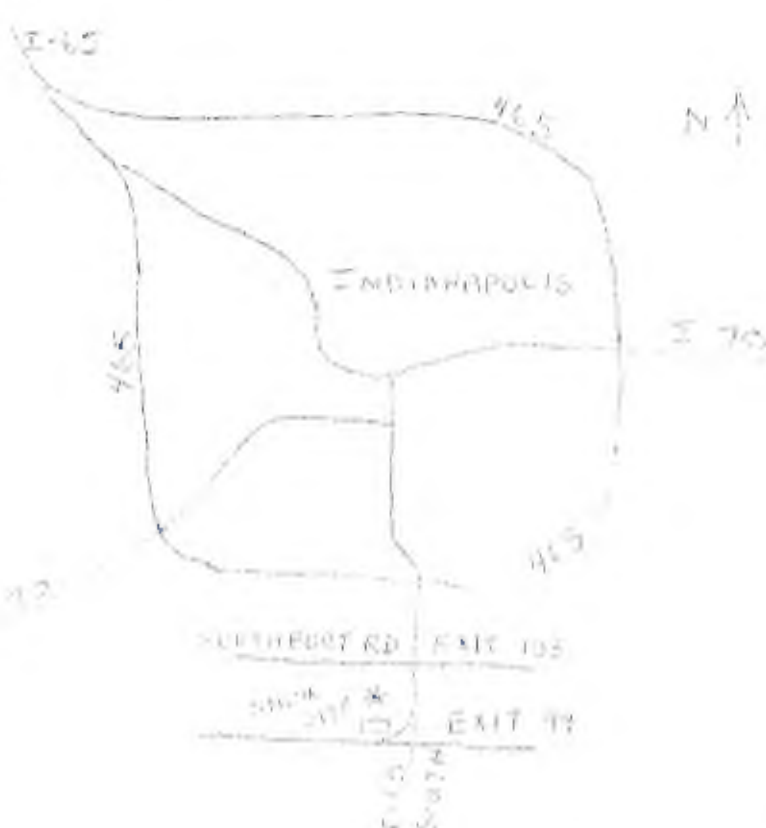
We received the following letter from a new subscriber. It is being printed in the hopes that one of the breeders in the IFGA might answer his request or that a member of the Florida club might contact him.

"I'm presently breeding albinos and snakeskins. I have red and yellow albinos and am working on my H/B Blue and Blue albinos also snakeskin albinos. I would appreciate any information on anyone working on these strains. What I need is size on some and others such as reds need color.

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"ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT"
The Case for the Widelail

By Bob Fisher
Guppy Associates of Toronto

It is now 19 years since I wrote my last article on guppies. We left the hobby in 1967 and moved to the country to breed and train German Shorthair Pointer hunting dogs. The genetic lessons learned from my guppy breeding served me very well, so that with some good imported stock from Germany and the U.S.A. I established a line of first rate G.S.P.'s that were not only good looking in the show ring, they could also hunt and run well in the field trials. I soon discovered a genetic fact, you can't teach a dog to have a good "nose", he has to be born with it. Finally my legs gave out and I could no longer hack it through the brush 10 miles a day on dog training sessions. So in 1978 it was back to city life and in 1981 back to guppies.

"ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT".....

To my regret and dismay, most of the old timers were either retired or deceased. I could literally find no one who was really into guppy breeding or who shared my interests, and there seemed to be no trace of my old club around. For the next 18 months I pursued the hobby entirely alone, I was utterly disgusted with the literally garbage guppies I found in most local pet shops, which in my former days I would have labelled as culls. As luck would have it, some local wholesalers were now buying their fish from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Singapore, not to mention Florida also, due mostly to lack of local supply from hobbyists. It was my good fortune to find some nice snakehead males at one store, and a good looking widetail female at another. Though she was of unknown origin I decided to try to make the combination. I actually waited from September 1981 through March 1982 for offspring, at which time two dropplings produced 100 hybrid babies in total. Knowing them to be hybrids I used standard procedures and several generations later had a strain breeding true. What was very apparent was that on average these fish had wider caudals and dorsals than deltas I had bred in previous years.

About this same time I finally managed to get hold of Chris McKay, who many no doubt still remember, who, although ten years away from the hobby himself, was able to put me in touch with Eugene Wiatka, Present President of G.A.O.T., with whom since then I have developed a very warm, friendly, informative and intimate comradeship. He was able to bring me up to date with all current IFGA happenings and news, and supplied me a copy of the latest standards and Stan Shubel's very excellent judging guide. I was actually around when those standards were argued, written and adopted about twenty years ago. So I reread them with great enthusiasm. I was most impressed by a comment Stan made, "always leave room for improvement". Good advice at any time since the "ultimate" guppy has yet to be bred.

Hence, the title of this article, my main reason for which is to report my current observations, comment on them, and offer what I believe to be a logical suggestion for the solution of a problem facing present day breeders. For twenty years we have had adopted standards for swordtails, veils and deltas yet nothing for widetails.

First, I decided to investigate the fish themselves in an effort to determine what were the main areas of differences between the types, and what accounted for the differences in caudal width, dorsal shape and length, between the ribbon tail, the veil tail, the delta tail and the widetail or as it could be better named, the fan-tail. I believe that I have now accumulated sufficient data to reach conclusions.

It is very evident that environment and diet will bring out the best "potential" in any fish. Each fish, however, is the product of the "genetic" package potentially acquired by breeding and developed by proper feeding and environmental conditions. When we breeders breed our guppies we are but simply shuffling and reshuffling gene packages around, hoping to get that 10% mutation rate or that chance chromosome crossover, exchange, or cross linkage that will lead to the improvements we are seeking, and as breeders we should be constantly watching for such events in our progeny. I have often thought, isn't it an amazing fact that ever since the guppy became a popular aquarium fish, nobody has ever produced anything other than another guppy - an improved one yes, but an evolved one, that is to say another species, no. Among all the millions of guppies bred in captivity no one has ever evolved a new species. So much for evolution! we cannot evolve new species, only improve existing ones. The same is true of pure bred dogs. The various Kennel Clubs now recognize 136 different breeds or strains of dogs, yet none the less they are all dogs, from the hairless Mexican Chihuahua to the Chinese Chow. The same is true of cattle, horses, cats, birds, plants, trees, vegetables or flowers and whatever species man has had a hand in selective breeding, only improvement never evolution. When one crosses two species the result is a sterile mule, unless the two were distantly related in the first place.

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The same is true in tropical fish in general and also in our special fish - the guppy! The basic differences between the ribbon, the veil, the delta and the wide-tail are "genetic" in origin and can be observed and demonstrated easily with the aid of a high power jewellers or toolmakers lens and a properly prepared and mounted specimen.

The following are my personal observations and many fish had to be sacrificed to get at the basic truth.

The average guppy has a caudal fin composed of 25 rays at the base, a few were observed possessing only 23 and others with 27 but on average 25 seemed normal. The number of basic rays in the dorsal is 5 but in the majority of fish only 3 developed to full length. It was observed that the basic caudal rays divide as they grow. Some divide only once between the base and the caudal fringe, hence 25 rays at the base become 50 at the fringe, your typical ribbon tail. In the case of the veil 2 or 3 divisions may occur, thus 25 at the base become between 100 and 200 at the fringe. It was noted the first division is about 1/8" to 3/16" from the base, the second division 3/16" further along, the third division a further 1/4" out toward the fringe. What is true of the veil is also true of the delta, only now we observe 4 divisions, each basic ray divides 4 times thus 1 ray becomes 2, then 4, then 8, then 16 at the fringe. This is not the end of the story, now comes the widetail, believe it or not, this guy at maturity has no fewer than 5 divisions. Each primary ray has become 32 at the fringe. Wow! you say. What comes next? Who knows! Only time and further improvement will show us if 6 or 7 divisions are possible. Now we must state other observations. The first 3 rays on both top and bottom of the caudal do not divide and only grow and develop at maturity. Their purpose seems to be a stiffener for the caudal leading edges to cut through the water as the fish swims. The next 3 or 4 rays do not divide as much or we would end up with a guppy having a near semi circular caudal. From my observations it would seem that most of the divisions occur in the 16 to 18 rays comprising the centre of the caudal.

Now in the case of dorsal fins the lesser developed leading ray also acts as a stiffener, the major dividing occurs in the 5 trailing rays. The divisions are much closer spaced than those of the caudal and occur closer to the body of the fish. Giving the parallelogram shape of veils and deltas, however, in the widetail the overall shape is either wedge shaped or in extreme examples a ballooning shape.

The next difference noted was the shape and curvature of the caudal/body junction area. Some are almost flat, some are semi circular and some are paraboloidal in appearance. The centre ray of the tail is always coincident with the centre row of body scales. The spacing of the rays from this central ray is maximum in the tail centre gradually decreasing towards upper or lower extremities. This factor is very evident in the widetail, less in the delta, even less in the veil and barely noticeable in the ribbon. The widest spacing is in the 18-20 rays forming the centre section of the caudal.

Now there have been articles galore written on the care and keeping of guppies, e.g. food, light, water conditions, etc. It is my contention that all the good feeding and excellent environmental conditions in the world will not change a veil into a delta or a delta to a widetail. The types of fish we have today are the result of selective breeding and the improvements observed are "genetic" in origin. There are two very distinctive features that go along with the widetail configuration. First due to the semicircular shape of the caudal/body junction plus the wider spacing of the primary rays, plus the greater amount of ray division the end product is a caudal at least 90 degrees wide (I have specimens nearly 140 degrees wide). The fringe will be convex or scallop shaped since all rays tend to grow to the same length. Second, the dorsal fin will be wedge shaped and much wider than typical delta standards, lengths of both dorsals and caudal will, of course, still as now depend on the maturity or age of the fish.

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Worst of all, and now here is my personal beef.

Since the only standards we have are for veils and deltas, one finds one's wide-tails penalized for exceeding standards on width, shape of fringe, shape of dorsal, etc. Surely it is abundantly evident to all serious breeders, that Stan's comment re. "leaving room for improvement", should be taken seriously and a "widetail standard" written, adopted, and added to the IFGA standards manual and that classes for these fish be added at all IFGA shows not as "optional" extras but as "mandatory" inclusions. One is certain that this will rekindle enthusiasm in our hobby as nothing else can, since the "genetic" improvement would now be recognized for what it really is, it seems to me it would make a lot of people really happy.

When he was alive it was my privilege and honour to know and visit with Peter Hutter. In those days he had giant dark bottle green "widetails" frisking around his tanks, literally chewing up the glass, they were the most beautiful guppies I ever saw and made your head spin. He was 20 years ahead of his time, and I am sure that he would roll over in his grave if he saw some of the so called "Hutter" fish of today. Privately he confided to me and the late Bill Wilson of C.A.O.T. that the veil was a step towards the delta and the delta was a step towards the widetail and who knows where it could go from there. The strain he originated has since his death actually degenerated to conform to delta standards because the standard "his" strain demanded was never written and adopted.

Thank about this guys, let's work to get this job completed, let's start to recognize that "room for improvement" is still our guiding motivation and sparks enthusiasm for ongoing participation in the hobby. I would welcome correspondence with anyone on this topic, pro or con.

Written on behalf of bigger and better "widetails" and the fond memory of Peter Hutter who pointed the way.

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REPORT ON BREEDING TECHNIQUES OF THE GUPPY PART 7 - HALF BLACK BLUES

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We have contacted the top breeders of each color class and have compiled the following report. It is hoped that this information will be useful to all guppy breeders and especially to the novice to help him in the right direction. This and the following reports should give an insight on how the top breeders approach the breeding of their guppies. The way we can encourage new breeders is to give them a helping hand and to give them the advantage of our mistakes. For this issue we will report on the Half Black Blues. If there is anything that you can add as fellow breeders please send it in. This report can always be added to. We wish to thank the following for their help with this report:

John Mackey - Michigan Guppy Breeders
Warren Burke - Big Apple Guppy Group
Ron Yater - Zionsville, Indiana
Doris and Mike Lastella - East Coast Guppy Association

PART 7 - HALF BLACK BLUES.....

Question 1: Half Black Blues Strains represented and their source.

1. John Mackey - Kvedar 3/4 black male crossed to Shubel purple female. Inbred for 3 generations then crossed males to Shubel blue female and Smith blue females to obtain three different lines.
2. Warren Burke - H/B Blue hybrids. They breed true after 3rd generation.
3. Ron Yater - Developed by crossing H/B AOC male to blue female in 1970. Worked 3 lines from this.
4. Doris and Mike Lastella - Developed their own strain.

**** All four breeders have developed their own strain.

FEATURES OF THE STRAIN AS COMPARED TO AVERAGE:

Strains	1	2	3	4
Rise	Aver.	Aver.	Aver.	Aver.
Tail Width	Aver.	60%	Larger	Aver.
Dorsal	Aver.	Large	Larger	Large
Rate of Growth	Slower	7 mm.	Aver.	Slow
Rate Maturity	Slower	Early	Aver.	Aver.
Fertility	Good	Fair	Aver.	Less
Gonorrhea	Less	Less	Aver.	Less
Susceptibility to Disease	Less	None	Less	Less

BREEDING TRUE:

Strain	1	2	3	4
Time Kept Pure	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	13 yrs.	9 yrs.
Siblings		30/50	Uniform	
% Desired Color	30%	75%	75%	99%
% With Impurities	30%	40%	20%	20%
% Different Color	40% *	10%	5% *	1%

*1. % different color comes out a nice H/B Purple. The three lines I have are all different shades of blue.

*3. Black spots in caudal in some drops.

**** Breeders 3 and 4 who have had their lines for many years have a higher per cent of desired color than breeders 2 and 1 who have only been working on their lines for 2 years.

BREEDING TO MAINTAIN THE COLOR

Strain	1	2	3	4
Inbreeding:				
Sibling Cross	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Father to Daughter	Yes	No	Rarely	No
Mother to Son		No	Rarely	No
Line Breeding:				
No. of Lines	3	2	3	2
Crossed after No. Gener	4-6	1	3-4	6-8

**** All breeders use inbreeding of sibling cross.

EFFECTS ON COLORATION OF CHEMICALS, TRACE ELEMENTS, FOODS, ETC.

Strain	1	2	3	4
Food	None	Variety	None	Slight
Chemicals	None	None	None	
Trace Elements	None	Salt	None	Not noticed
pH of Water	7.2	7.4		Darken with lower pH

PART 7 - HALF BLACK BLUES..... BREEDING KNOW FIRST FROM THIS STRAIN

Strain	1	2	3	4
Same method as for main				
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Sometimes	On occasion
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Always the same				
Two strains	No	No	No	Yes

#2. Crossed to pants

QUESTIONING - THE EFFECTS ON COLOR

Strain	1	2	3	4
Will	*	*	Good	Will
Yes	*	No		
Yes	*	No		
Multi	*	No		
Snakekin	*	No		
	*	No		

#1. I am concerned to produce Half Black B in which the blue and black are not crossed pure Half Black Blue since producing the three lines.

#2. Only on Half B is the color to produce.

When the only color used had to be the blue and half black this was

When or if a of the strains were not expected to be the same - what was the best outcome to make to preserve the color?

1. Blue female

2. A strain of Half Black B to be 60% and half black pants to be 40%

3. If the strain of Half Black B is female from another breed, but has my strain of pants, it is better.

4. If the strain of Half Black B is female from another breed, but has my strain of pants, it is better.

Question 3: Goals - Picking breeders and fry expectations.

1. To produce size and have the dorsal and caudal as close as possible to the main.

2. To produce size and have the dorsal and caudal as close as possible to the main.

4. To breed as close to the standards as possible.

SELECTING BREEDERS - MALES

Strain	1	2	3	4
C/R Ratio				
Body size	Yes	*	3rd	Aver
Body shape	Yes	Firm	3rd	Heavy peduncle
Body color	Yes	Intense	2nd	Best
Caudal size	Yes	Large	2nd	In proportion
Caudal shape	Yes	60%	2nd	60%
Caudal color	Yes	Solid	1st	Clean & pure
Dorsal size	Yes	Nice	3rd	Large
Dorsal shape	Yes	Fine	2nd	3 to 1
Dorsal color	Yes	Pure	1st	Match to caudal
Other		Size	*	*

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SELECTING BREEDERS - MALES (cont.)

#1. The C/R ratio should have good balance and color. If the body is so there also should be a nice caudal and dorsal.

#2. On each look at color first and then size on everything else.

#3. You usually don't pick the largest or best color in the tank but the best overall fish.

SELECTING BREEDERS - FEMALES

Strain	1	2	3	4
C/R Ratio		2-1	1st	
Body size		Medium	3rd	Stocky
Body shape	Yes	Good	3rd	Heavy peduncle
Body color		Black	3rd	
Caudal size	Yes	Large	4th	
Caudal shape	Yes	Delta	4th	
Caudal color	Yes	Dark	3rd	
Dorsal size	Yes	Good	4th	Large
Dorsal shape	Yes	Good	4th	
Dorsal color	Yes	Good	3rd	Most color possible
Other		Active	*	*

#1. Look at the body and not at the color.

REPAIRING, ALSO, SIZE OF LITTERS, RATIO OF MALES TO FEMALES

Strain	1	2	3	4
Age	4-5 mon.	3-4 mon.	3-4 mon.	3-4 mon.
Age	4-5 mon.	3 mon.	3 mon.	3 mon.
Age	4-5 mon.	3 mon.	3 mon.	3 mon.
Ratio M/F	50/50	50/50	Even	50/50

*** All the breeders agree on age and size of litter.

GENERAL CHARTS FOR BREEDING BY THE FEMALE SEXES

Strain	1	2	3	4
Body size	B	B	B	M
Body shape	M	B	B	M
Body color	M	B	B	B
Body shape	M	B	B	B
Body color	M	B	B	B
Caudal size	B	B	B	B
Caudal width	B	B	B	B
Caudal color	M	B	B	M

*** Breeders 1 and 3 believe that both male and female play a important part.

Question 1: Special problems with this strain.

1. Getting a good dorsal and caudal color match.

2. None

3. None

PART 7 - HALF BLACK BLUES... FAVORED ENHANCEMENTS FOR REPPING T/S STRAIN

1	2	3	4
Salt	1	1	1
Special diet	No	No	No
Sp. e. movement	No	No	No
Tank #	5/10/15	5/10/15	5

- *2 I use one teaspoon of salt per gallon. As a special diet I use brine shrimp, paste foods, micro worms, green vegetables
- *3 I use 10/15/20/30 gallon tanks that are not over 14" tall.
- *4 I use salt as medication only. I use 15 gallon tanks for my show males with 8 to 10 fish per tank.

COMMENTS

1. Once I established size and color, I would like to try and get the head and shoulders a shade of blue.
 2. I always check for intense color when they are young.
 3. The Half Black Blue strains seem to respond to breeding techniques much quicker than other color lines.
- **** This color strain does not seem to present some of the problems that other strains do. Note that each breeder perfected his own strain without too much difficulty. They seem to breed true.

Editor's Note - The **** are conclusions of Maumee Valley Guppy Association.

RAISING GUPPIES IN MAINE

by Arthur Parker
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I wonder how many members of the A.B.M. upon deciding that they wanted to raise guppies contacted members from whom they were interested in purchasing a pair or trio, only to find when the prices were quoted that the price was out of range of their pocketbook. I had this type of experience. I soon found myself visiting the local pet shops in hopes of finding a few fish that might be worth working with. I did find four females with some red in their tails, but found no suitable males. The males I found were small, with very little tail coloring. I returned home and placed each of the four females in a ten gallon tank by herself. Within an hour or two they started to get plenty of live food as I was raising brine shrimp to adult size in a five gallon tank. They were also fed microworms and one of the more popular flake foods.

During the next few weeks I kept checking the shops trying to find a male that met with what I was looking for. Good red tail and dorsal coloration, body size and tail size. I had no luck. Each of the females had dropped a litter by now. I had put the fry into 20 gallon tanks. As the fry matured I found what I was looking for - a good male right in my own tanks. I separated the ten best males - giving them a 14 gallon tank. In addition to the food already mentioned I started feeding frozen beef heart. This seems to help them put on size a little faster. I have had males from this strain that when they are displaying for the females you could possibly hide a quarter behind their expanded tail. During this summer of 1983 I lost nearly all of my stock but for thirty or so fry. Thanks to a friend that I had given six pairs of adults to I soon had a dozen pair of adult breeders as well as the fry

RAISING GUPPIES IN MAINE...

I find that I could easily add another ten or twelve tanks to my set up but that is a case of wait awhile, or as a friend suggested use my fifty-five gallon as a tank for my breeders and the rest of my tanks for rearing tanks. I still use live brine shrimp, both newly hatched and adult, also feed microworms and frozen beef heart. I have found that adding Vitamin B-12 either to the dry food just prior to feeding or directly to the tank. This can cut down on the likelihood of split line. Exactly how much should be added I believe is up to the individual. I use one 25 milligram tablet to each ten gallon of water every ten days.

SHOW SCHEDULE 1985

AREA	SHOW DATE	CLASSSES DUE
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31	
Big Apple Guppy Group	April 13-14	January 13
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5	February 4
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19	February 18
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2	March 1
East Coast Guppy Association	June 15-16	March 15
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30	March 29
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21	April 20
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4	May 3
Guppy Associates International Chicago	September 7-8	June 7
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 8

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Group and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

CONTEST FOR 1985

In order to generate more input for our bulletin the Big Apple Guppy Group is offering a one year subscription to a leading aquarium magazine to the person winning the most articles in 1985. This contest begins with this issue and is open to all IPGA members (excluding H.A.G.C. and M.V.G.A.) and all corresponding members. Points will be given as follows:

- 1) Articles on any phase of the hobby - 5 points
- 2) Answers to a particular column (Ex: What's for Dinner? and Question of the Month) - 4 points
- 3) Questions submitted - 3 points
- 4) Other (Ex: Word games, poems, etc) - 2 points

These points will apply only to those published. Any article received (it MUST pertain to the hobby), but unable to be published will get 1 point.

Word has been received that Millie Craft is recovering at home from recent surgery. Hope her recovery will be speedy. Don and Millie's address is:
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24" 500W	6.05
26" 550W	6.16
28" 600W	6.27
30" 650W	6.38
32" 700W	6.49
34" 750W	6.60
36" 800W	6.71
38" 850W	6.82
40" 900W	6.93
42" 950W	7.04
44" 1000W	7.15
46" 1050W	7.26
48" 1100W	7.37
50" 1150W	7.48
52" 1200W	7.59
54" 1250W	7.70
56" 1300W	7.81
58" 1350W	7.92
60" 1400W	8.03
62" 1450W	8.14
64" 1500W	8.25
66" 1550W	8.36
68" 1600W	8.47
70" 1650W	8.58
72" 1700W	8.69
74" 1750W	8.80
76" 1800W	8.91
78" 1850W	9.02
80" 1900W	9.13
82" 1950W	9.24
84" 2000W	9.35
86" 2050W	9.46
88" 2100W	9.57
90" 2150W	9.68
92" 2200W	9.79
94" 2250W	9.90
96" 2300W	10.01
98" 2350W	10.12
100" 2400W	10.23
102" 2450W	10.34
104" 2500W	10.45
106" 2550W	10.56
108" 2600W	10.67
110" 2650W	10.78
112" 2700W	10.89
114" 2750W	11.00
116" 2800W	11.11
118" 2850W	11.22
120" 2900W	11.33
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124" 3000W	11.55
126" 3050W	11.66
128" 3100W	11.77
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134" 3250W	12.10
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170" 4150W	14.08
172" 4200W	14.19
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176" 4300W	14.41
178" 4350W	14.52
180" 4400W	14.63
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196" 4800W	15.51
198" 4850W	15.62
200" 4900W	15.73
202" 4950W	15.84
204" 5000W	15.95
206" 5050W	16.06
208" 5100W	16.17
210" 5150W	16.28
212" 5200W	16.39
214" 5250W	16.50
216" 5300W	16.61
218" 5350W	16.72
220" 5400W	16.83
222" 5450W	16.94
224" 5500W	17.05
226" 5550W	17.16
228" 5600W	17.27
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240" 5900W	17.93
242" 5950W	18.04
244" 6000W	18.15
246" 6050W	18.26
248" 6100W	18.37
250" 6150W	18.48
252" 6200W	18.59
254" 6250W	18.70
256" 6300W	18.81
258" 6350W	18.92
260" 6400W	19.03
262" 6450W	19.14
264" 6500W	19.25
266" 6550W	19.36
268" 6600W	19.47
270" 6650W	19.58
272" 6700W	19.69
274" 6750W	19.80
276" 6800W	19.91
278" 6850W	20.02
280" 6900W	20.13
282" 6950W	20.24
284" 7000W	20.35
286" 7050W	20.46
288" 7100W	20.57
290" 7150W	20.68
292" 7200W	20.79
294" 7250W	20.90
296" 7300W	21.01
298" 7350W	21.12
300" 7400W	21.23
302" 7450W	21.34
304" 7500W	21.45
306" 7550W	21.56
308" 7600W	21.67
310" 7650W	21.78
312" 7700W	21.89
314" 7750W	22.00
316" 7800W	22.11
318" 7850W	22.22
320" 7900W	22.33
322" 7950W	22.44
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CONTEST WINNERS
(November 1984 Contests)

There were no answers sent in for our IFGA Trivia Contest. Following are the answers:

1. John Zeik - Snakekin class - 6860 Points - 1980
2. Stan Shubel
3. Guppy Associates International Chicago, Guppy Associates of Greater Cleveland, Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Indianapolis Guppy Breeders Association
4. Half Black Pastel
5. John Zeik - Snakekin class - 7 years
6. Midge Hill, Lela Shubel, Pat Allen, Millie Grafr
7. Cleveland, Ohio - 1967
8. Guppy Associates International Chicago - 1949 entries - 1975
9. Congress of Fancy Guppy Groups/ Congress of Guppy Societies
10. 1984

The recent contest to give a caption to the photograph received three entries. The entries were:

"Goony Said What?" from Walt Grayshaw of W. Yarmouth, Mass.
"I Won!" from Odey Ray of Clyde, N.C.
"Did You Like The Elve Guppy in Your Martini?"
from Rob DeFord of Ather, GA.

And the winner is Odey Ray! Many thanks to each of you who took the time to enter the contest. Mr. Ray's subscription will be extended another year.

PLEASE NOTE - Pages 12 and 27 of the Judging Standards Booklet have been revised and are in this bulletin as inserts. These are to be removed and placed in your books to make them current.

SECTION VII - IFGA ACCREDITED JUDGES

Accreditation Requirements:

1. Must attend two IFGA seminars
2. Must observe at three IFGA sanctioned shows with a judging team
3. Must pass the written test
4. Must assist two qualified judges at 2 IFGA sanctioned shows (4 shows for those in outlying areas)
5. Must judge 5 guppies under controlled best conditions and a judging guard
6. Must have the approval of the Judging Board

Judging Tests: Tests will be given once a year at a seminar held for the proceeding of judges. Two or more members of the Judging Board will be present to give all accreditation tests.

A judging seminar for the purpose of testing and instructing in judging a guppy is held in conjunction with the IFGA Annual Meeting. Two additional seminars per year may be held in outlying areas. Judging clubs interested in holding one of these seminars should contact the Secretary. IFGA will only provide costs to get one Judging Board member to the area to be held. The 2nd additional seminar must be paid for by the club.

To Obtain Accreditation: A judge must judge at least 3 classes at a minimum of two sanctioned shows per year and attend a judging seminar. Every two years he must be re-accredited. Accreditation is good for 2 years at the time of the next IFGA Annual Meeting. IFGA will only provide costs to get one Judging Board member to the area to be held. The 2nd additional seminar must be paid for by the club.

Re-Accreditation: If a judge loses accreditation, he can be reinstated by attending three sanctioned shows within a show year and with the approval of the Judging Board.

Complaint Procedure: May be taken against a judge for judging his own fish, judging fish he entered for a show, judging, etc. Complaints may be received from the accredited judges list. A formal complaint is written at the time of the show and is presented to the show chairman who will write and complete a report to the Judging Board for review.

Accredited Judges: Names and addresses of IFGA Judging Board members are listed in each of the IFGA Bulletins.

A good thing about judging color points in the dorsal is that the color and pattern should always be the same as the caudal. The above points apply only if the dorsal color matches the caudal. If the dorsal color does not match the caudal color at all or the dorsal color is clear then zero points would be given.

CONDITION

Condition points take into consideration any rays sticking out of the sides. All edges should be of a smooth nature. The corners being slightly rounded. It should be disease free and have no spots.

We have 4 condition points to work with. A poor condition dorsal would receive the minimum of 1 point. A fair condition dorsal would receive 2 points, a good condition dorsal would get 3. An excellent dorsal would receive 4 points. Not a large spread, but a point will often make the difference between placing or not.

PART III - Judging the Caudal (Males)

We now come to one of the most important areas in judging. Not only are more points allocated for the caudal, but generally speaking, you will determine which class the fish will go into.

Once it has been determined the fish you are judging is a male, you will deal with three basic tail shapes: Delta, Veil, and Swordtail. Thankfully, we are now able to disqualify fish improperly classed. In the past it was all too common to see half of the veil classes filled with poor deltas and many times winning. With the improvement of our judges, along with the new rule regarding disqualification for improper sword and tail shape, the shows should improve greatly.

First of all we will consider shape of the male caudal. The following illustrations will show the various tail shapes for the male.

As you will note on paper it seems quite easy to determine the difference between the veil, delta, and swordtail. In actual practice it is no always so simple, especially in moving fish.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tom Allen

Shortly after this issue of our bulletin 'hits the streets' our first show in '85 will occur in Indianapolis. It's been some time since we've had a show in the area and we will share the responsibility for complete backing so's we can encourage these folks to continue hosting shows in the future. Likewise, the membership of R.A.G.C. need our support to bail them out of their show site predicament. Remember, that G.A.G.C. was one of only a handful of clubs that have consistently hosted shows over the past few years when show hosts were hard to come by.

Club dues, trophy sponsorship fees and rentals should be sent to the correct individual no later than March 1st.

We received a copy of the German Guppy Federation bulletin from Hermann Gutmann. Unfortunately, the entire publication is printed in German. In spite of my Austrian background and two years of German language study in college, I recognized only two phrases: 'International Fancy Guppy Association' and 'Jim Thale'. We need a volunteer to translate the material in the bulletin -- perhaps there are articles on topics which will be of value to us.

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE WITH T.F.H.

On January 13, 1985 Tom wrote the following letter to Mr. Fronsak Managing Editor of T.F.H. Publications.

As was discussed in our recent telephone conversation, I've taken Dr. Axelrod's article on the guppy and added my comments particularly in the area of standardized naming conventions. After re-reading the article entirely however, I cannot concur with your point that the tone of the article was directed toward the commercial aspects of the hobby rather than toward the hobbyist. I feel the opposite is true. Again, it is truly unfortunate that so many followers of our hobby have been misled with grossly incorrect information - information they will take as gospel because I was authored by a respected and renowned authority in the hobby.

The two attached documents outline the current IFGA sanctioned classes and the European and IFGA Standard tail shapes as they relate to the chart in the Axelrod article. Also, by copy of this letter, I will have our publication staff mail you 2 recent copies of our bulletin."

On January 22, 1985 Tom received the following reply from Mr. Fronsak:

"Thank you very much for sending the copy of our November, 1984, issue marked to show the proper IFGA classification for the guppies shown in the photos accompanying Dr. Axelrod's article. We hope to be able to use the identifications you've provided by publishing them in conjunction with Dr. Axelrod's identifications in an upcoming book in that way readers will be able to see the exact IFGA equivalent of the identifications Dr. Axelrod has applied.

I'm enclosing a copy of the November issue to replace the one you've sent me, and as soon as the book in which the identifications you've provided appears we'll send you a complimentary copy. The book should be out sometime around May or June, in the meantime, thank you again for your honest expression of dissatisfaction--the much-appreciated spirit of cooperation you've shown will be instrumental in helping us to get across the fact that alternative authoritative identifications exist.

THE BIG APPLE GUPPY GROUP 1985 IFGA SANCTIONED 7 POINT SHOW & BREEDERS AUCTION

LOCATION: Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Saddle Brook, New Jersey

DATE: April 12-14, 1985

SCHEDULE:	Saturday, April 13	Sunday, April 14
8:00 A.M.	Entries Open	9:11 Show Open to public
12:00	Entries Closed	11:30 A.M. Auction
1-3 P.M.	Meeting	12:00 Debonching
	Show open to public	
6:30 P.M.	Judging	

Hospitality Room opens after judging and closes at 1 A.M. by request of the hotel. Hospitality Room will include awards presentations.

Presenting 75 classes of competitions open to everyone. Membership in a club or association is not necessary. There is competition in Delta, Veil, and Swordtail males; single females, matched males and matched females. Three Novice classes are also available.

The exhibition is open to the public on Saturday afternoon. A breeders Auction will be held on Sunday at 11:30 A.M. The auction will consist of guaranteed excess of breeding stock from the club and pairs of fish from the show-bench. If you have not been to an International Guppy Show, you should not miss this one. We expect guppies from all over the world and from all the famous breeders who compete in IFGA sanctioned shows.

RULES.

1. All entries must be born and raised by the exhibitor in the exhibitors tanks.
2. Entries will be judged visually by the judging teams in accordance with current IFGA standards. The decision of the judges will be final.
3. Overhead frontal fluorescent lighting will be used with a black background.
4. The novice classes are open to anyone who has never won a first place in an IFGA sanctioned show.
5. Exhibitors will determine the classification of their entries. If in doubt, a special UNCLASSIFIED ENTRY will be allowed, which will be classified by a special team of IFGA judges prior to official judging. This in no way will guarantee the entry protection from disqualification, since color changes may still take place after classification.
6. Under no circumstances will any committee member planning to participate in judging offer the exhibitor any individual advice on classification.
7. Single entries will be exhibited in 2 qt. drum bowls, tank and breeder entries will be exhibited in 2 gal. tanks.
8. No entries will be removed from the show until 12 P.M. on the 14th. At that time no one will remove entries except the show committee.
9. No gravel, plants, decorations, bowl markings, or colored water will be allowed. Failure to observe this rule will result in the entries not being accepted.
10. Return postage must accompany fish to be shipped back.
11. Neither the BACC nor the management of Howard Johnson's assume any responsibility for the loss or damage to any entry, although every precaution will be taken to prevent such losses.

B.A.C.G. RULES

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY: Will be accepted by Warren Burke, 107-34 116th St., Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11419. Entries must be received by Friday afternoon, April 12th

AIR FREIGHT: Will be accepted by Steve Prochack, no later than 5 P.M. Friday, April 12th, at La Guardia Airport only. (718) 357-8454

75 CLASSES

<u>TANK</u>	<u>DELTA</u>	<u>DELTA/VEIL COMBINED</u>
Red	Red	Bronze
Blue	Blue	Gold
Green	Green	Albino
Purple	Purple	H/B Yellow
Black	Black	Any other shape
Multi	Multi	1/2 Pink bodied
Yellow	Yellow	
H/B Red	H/B Red	
H/B Pastel	H/B Pastel	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
H/ 3 Blue	H/B Blue	Swordtail
H/B AOC	H/B AOC	
H/B Yellow	Blue/Green Bicolor	<u>FEMALE</u>
Blue/Green Bicolor	Red Bicolor	Red
AOC Bicolor	AOC Bicolor	Blue/Green
Bronze	AOC	H/B Red
Albino	Snakeskin Varig.	H/B AOC
AOC	Snakeskin Solid	AOC
Swordtail		Gold
Snakeskin Varig.	<u>ALL VEIL CLASSES</u>	Black
Snakeskin Solid	<u>SAME AS DELTA</u>	
Gold		<u>NOVICE</u>
Red Bicolor		Male
		Female
		Tank

EXHIBITS

Breeder Male --- 3 matched males
Breeder Female --- 3 matched females

ENTRY FEES:	Single Male and Single Female	\$1.50
	Tanks - 2 Matched Males	\$2.50
	Breeder Male and Breeder Female	\$3.50

AWARDS: First place winners will receive plaques.
First place Best of Show and Breeder classes will receive Special plaques.
Second, Third and Fourth Best of Show will receive Special awards.
All places will receive IFGA Award Cards.

AUCTION: A female must accompany all males to be auctioned off. A male must accompany all females to be auctioned off. 50-50 split between breeder and Big Apple Cuppy Group.

A.O.S. (Any Other Shape) Class: The intent of this class is to encourage the development and showing of larger finnage without the limitations imposed by the current judging rules. Finnacle shape will not be a cause for disqualification. In fact, there is no cause for disqualification in this class except major deformities, DOB or too small for show fish. The goal is size - both body and finnage, intense color (any color) with matching caudal and dorsal. Shape - Body, regular rules. Dorsal and Caudal - any shape is OK, including any angle for the caudal to leave the peduncle. Please note - This class will not be included in the Best of Show judging.

cont.)

EXAMPLES

No preference on either dorsal or caudal shape
Shape deductions will be based on irregular shape
or apparent missing sections.

Open Male Caudal with missing section and dorsal with missing section.
A 1 to 1 ratio between body and caudal (regular male class) is to be judged with the same as regular male classes. Large colorful fish which have an advantage in the open class compared to their chances in the Delta and Veil classes include.

No penalty for shape	Superwider (with all body/caudal ratio)
	Rounded Caudals
	Balloon or Flag Dorsals
No penalty for shape or proper proportion of dorsal to caudal type.	Delta with Veil Dorsals and Veils with Delta Dorsals.

Judging this class will be similar to Best of Show judging and point will not count for the AOC Class. Because this is a Special Class and the judging of finnage shapes is outside the current judging rules, this class will not be included in judging for the Best of Show.

Let's see how big and colorful those dorsals and caudals can get'''

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by Rob Fieger
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In my previous article on this subject I showed that there was visible, and demonstrable proof that the differences between the swordtail, ribbon, veil, delta and widetail are genetic in origin and should be recognized as such. We further emphasized the fact that for twenty years now, the widetails have had to play second fiddle to the deltas due to lack of a proper standard for them.

Let me diverge a little and call the readers attention to a completely different, in some ways similar hobby, "Canary breeding". Canaries have a following exceeding our own hobby yet their breeders as a group have over the years solved many of the problems facing us today. The commonly known varieties or breeds or types are readily available among the fancy are: Border Fancies, Yorkshires, (Icelandic), Fyffe Fancies, Liveries, Frills, American Singers, Lipacurcomps, Red Faced, etc. There are too numerous to mention here. Canaries come in all shapes, sizes and colours (except pink, some don't (though they should)). The point I want to make here is that all the various different "types" of this single bird are inter-breeds of the same species, and what is probably more important to us is that each type has its own specific standard where colour, shape, size, plumage, posture, condition, proportion and eye placement are all spelled out for each different type. The standards even go so far as to give exact dimensions, shape and construction of the show cage to be used for that type. It would be an unforgivable blunder for a novice to show up at a Canary show with a Border Fancy in a Yorkshire show cage. Enough about birds, it's a good hobby all by itself. The lessons to be learned however, are these. Selective breeding produces varieties, and each variety needs its own standard based on the "norm" for that variety. Since a multitude of subvarieties are theoretically possible there will always be problem specimens, where both exhibitor, entry-taker, and judge will have problems deciding the right class for competition, but these can and should be resolved before the judging, not argued about afterwards.

In the hopes the IFQA will give serious consideration to the concerns of these articles, we would like to suggest and propose a "widetail standard" as close to the "norm" as we can in the hope that if we keep it simple and straight forward we can leave "room for improvement" by having it as open-ended as possible, in those areas where development is still taking place. Here is my proposal: "

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Body - The body to caudal fin ratio shall be 1:1. The caudal - peduncle proportions shall be a maximum of three units of length to two units of height. Proportions of two and a half units of length to two units of height should be anticipated and reflected in the future and should always be recognized and rewarded accordingly.

Dorsal Fin - Should be wider than normally expected of the delta and always in proportion to the wider tail width. A proportion of 1:4 at the fringes of dorsal and caudal is suggested. Proportion should be at least two units of length to one unit of height. Wedge or balloon shaped dorsals indicate advanced development and should be rewarded. The parallelogram shape normal to sail or delta dorsals should not be given precedence over the dorsal having the wider spread at the fringe. Jagged, ragged or misshapen dorsals are undesirable. Dorsals which due to their width and length fold over on themselves or hang-over the peduncle should not be penalized since they only possess five main supporting rays versus twenty five rays in the caudal.

Caudal Fin - The angle of spread of the caudal fin at the caudal/peduncle base shall be a minimum of 90 degrees, the maximum spread shall be open to whatever the breeder can achieve, providing the width of the caudal and its accompanying dorsal are in proportion to each other, the wider the better. The posterior edge or fringe of the caudal should be smooth and not jagged. The entire fringe may be slightly rounded or scallop shaped, the whole having the appearance of an open oriental fan. An even flat fringe on a widedail caudal is not mandatory as with veils or deltas, but if present is not to be penalized providing the caudal to body ratio of 1:1 is maintained. Tail trimming to hide growth irregularities or disease is to be discouraged.

Colour - Since widedails already exist in all standard colours and combinations thereof, the same basic colour standards apply to all strains. Newer strains currently under development have coloured pectoral fins of both sexes and anal fins.

Widedail Females - Like their male counterparts female widedails possess advanced development of the caudal and dorsal fins regarding both width and colour, and resemble them in both ways. The body to caudal ratio should be 2:1 or better. The caudal may be as large as possible and may have the slightly rounded or scalloped fringe shape. A symmetrical caudal is most desirable. The caudal/peduncle region should be of sufficient thickness and strength to carry the larger caudal erect at all times. Caudal and dorsal colour should match and be as intense as possible.

The foregoing is an effort to provide a standard that because it is open-ended leaves us all plenty of "room for improvement" that hopefully will enable us to all approach the future with greater enthusiasm.

It was suggested by Frank Orta that the following article be reprinted in conjunction with Bob Fisher's articles on the Widedail. This reprint appeared in the July 1982 issue of the IFGA bulletin -

GUPPY'S BY:

Guido Penninhi

At the Cleveland show, the first I've attended this year, I was very impressed by not only the quantity of fish but also the quality of them. Overall the winners seem to show better fish than there has been over the last 5 years. Another note on the upswing was that there are some extremely good looking fish by relatively new owners. That's what any hobby needs, new blood always being pumped into it. From what I could see the Cleveland club had all their members working the show, which made the show more fun than work for them.

While walking up and down the rows of SHOW fish, I stopped to listen to a group of 4 judges. It seems they were all looking at the 2nd place fish in a Delta class and all agreeing that it was the best looking fish in the class. But when pointed this fish could not finish 1st. The dorsal was huge, extremely high and the caudal was super wide. The first place fish was very good and conformed much better to IFGA Standards. But the 1st place fish could not compare to the beautiful finnage of the 2nd place fish. Simply put - it was a bigger SHOWIER and flashier fish. The judges feel maybe we're holding the progress of our guppies back, by conforming them to our current standards. Everyone agrees that a fish out of proportion or one that sits on the bottom of the bowl is not the fish we are looking for. But the fish that carries an excess of finnage and has a body to carry the finnage around gracefully, should be encouraged. Look at how beautiful the Betta's are with their long flowing fins.

GUPPY'S BY:

Maybe that's why certain breeders eventually lose interest in their fish. They put them to a certain level and at that point have no where to go!! By taking the wraps off the GUPPY it would constantly leave new avenues open even for the most experienced breeder. One of the judges on the team asked the other three which of the two guppies they would pick as a breeder if the fish belonged to them and all three judges picked the 2nd place fish.

Years ago when the SHOW guppy was first being developed the first stage was the Veil tail. This guppy was the rage until Delta's came along. Now it's common knowledge that most everyone breeds for Delta's. Taking a Veil out of their culls to show in the Veil class. Now the points for first place Delta are the same as for first place Veil. But breeders breed the Delta's because they prefer the wide finnage and in most cases so do the judges. How many times will a matched set of Veils beat out a matched set of Delta's??

So, let me ask you, if we liked Veils over the common, and Delta's over the Veils, why did we STOP there?? If the Standards would have been set for Veils only - would we never have had the beautiful Delta's we now see at the shows?? Maybe some consideration could be given to have the wraps taken off our Guppy's and see if we could develop a larger, showier, flashier model in the 80's.

P.S. Two weeks ago I talked to a breeder out of state and asked him how he developed his fish. His answer was that he picks what he likes. Evidently the judges like too!! He took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th in the Delta class, 1st, 2nd in the Tank class and Third Best of Show Tank. In a very tough class.

McFRAY CRUNCH or
Help In A Power Outage

by Charlie Zench
Gateway Guppy Association

One winter our area lost all electric due to an ice storm. Bev Richmond called and asked if I wanted her to take part of my fish. I thanked her after saying that I would take her up on her offer if it's emergency would be off for any extended time. Luckily it wasn't, but it did lead me to think on the subject. Just what would be the thing to do if it would be off for days. Some articles have been written about putting blankets around the tanks - but what else should be done??

1. First - turn out your fish by selling the ones not needed to a pet shop.
2. Take out all filters and dirt magnets as they will have a build up of bacteria without the air supply.
3. Take out excess plants. They give off carbon dioxide at night. One time I lost several of my breeder animals that had been separated with lots of plants and no air line. They were dead in the morning.
4. Make partial water changes with warmer water (if your water heater is not electric).
5. Last, but not least, have a friend or club member hold your breeder supplies until the crisis is over.

MID WEST GUPPY CLUB (OF CHICAGO),
 IFCA SANCTIONED 7 POINT SHOW
 MAY 4-5, 1985

IN TIME GRC Co., 2830 Birch St., Franklin Park, Illinois

SCHEDULE: SATURDAY May 4th
 9:00 Registration of entries opens
 10:00 Registration of entries closes
 11:00 Judging starts
 Hospitality room after judging

SUNDAY May 5th
 10:00 Open house
 11:00 Silent auction opens
 12:00 Awards presentation
 1:00 Silent auction closes
 1:30 Debenching

- RULES:**
- All entries must be born and raised by the exhibitor in the exhibitors tanks.
 - All entries will be judged solely by the judging team in accordance with IFCA standards.
 - The decision of the judging team will be final.
 - Judges will not be permitted to judge their own fish or fish they have entered for others.
 - Placed fish must be kept in the exhibitors tanks until the next day. If a fish is not kept in the exhibitors tanks, it will be considered a forfeit.
 - If a fish is forfeited, it will be auctioned by the club for 50% of the entry fee.
 - All entry fees will be prepaid. Any entries not prepaid will be auctioned. No entry fees will be returned.
 - Auction split will be:
 Show fish auctioned, 60% to seller - 40% to M.W.G.C.
 Auction fish only, 50% to seller - 50% to M.W.G.C.
 - Entries will not be removed from the bench until awards have been presented, at which time a member of M.W.G.C. or a designee will remove entries from the bench and return them to the exhibitor. (AUCTION FISH EXCEPTED).
 - No entries will be removed from the bench until the next day. If a fish is not kept in the exhibitors tanks, it will be considered a forfeit.

Awards: All first place and top entries will receive supply cards. Third and fourth place receive award cards.

Best of Show will receive a trophy and a certificate. If a fish is not kept in the exhibitors tanks, it will be considered a forfeit.

SHIPPED IN ENTRIES: Every courtesy will be extended to accommodate shippers. Entries will be given at the show site prior to 4:00 P.M. Saturday May 4th.

Entries may be sent AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TO
 Richard Skydell
 1923 N. Firestone Lane
 Hoffman Estates, ILL 60195
 (312) 934-4691

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Please mark all packages CALL ON ARRIVAL.

M.W.G.C. RULES, II
 SHIPPED IN ENTRIES (cont.)

Correct return postage and entry fees must accompany all shipments or they will be auctioned. It would be appreciated and may be in your best interest, that prior notification on all shipments be given.

MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
Blue	Red	Blue	Red
Green	Black	Green	Black
Black	Multi	Black	Multi
Multi	AOC	Multi	AOC
AOC	Purple	AOC	Purple
Purple	H/B Blue	Purple	H/B Blue
H/B Blue	H/B Pastel	H/B Blue	H/B Pastel
H/B Pastel	H/B Yellow	H/B Pastel	H/B Yellow
H/B Yellow	H/B AOC	H/B Yellow	H/B AOC
H/B AOC	AOC Bi	H/B AOC	AOC Bi
AOC Bi	Shagreen	AOC Bi	Shagreen
Shagreen	Yellow	Shagreen	Yellow
Yellow	Gold	Yellow	Gold
Gold	Albino	Gold	Albino
Albino	Bronze	Albino	Bronze
Bronze	Single	Bronze	Single
Single	Double	Single	Double
Double	Novice	Double	Novice

ENTRIES: All entries must be born and raised by the exhibitor in the exhibitors tanks.

Top four entries will receive award cards. Third and fourth place receive award cards.

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AUCTION: M.W.G.C. will be having a SILENT AUCTION at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday. An index card will be placed with each entry on the auction table. Anyone interested in buying fish at the auction will sign the appropriate card and enter the amount they are willing to pay. If someone else wants to raise the bid, they sign their name with a higher bid. At 1:00 P.M., all cards will be collected and the highest bidder will pay for and collect his fish. This will finish the auction soon after 1:00 P.M., after having given interested parties two hours to bid on a variety of fish.

N. G. C. RULES.....

ACCOMMODATIONS: Arrangements for accommodations have been made with the
Caravelle Motor Inn
5400 N. River Road
Evanston, Illinois Phone: (312) 576 3535

This motel is conveniently located seven miles from O'Hare and provides 24 hour time service. Our hospitality room will be located at the Caravelle. This suite will be made available to us free of charge provided we meet certain booking requirements. Consequently, we would appreciate your mention of Mid-West Guppy or the IPGA should you choose to call the motel direct. Rates are \$41.07 per night, single or double. Arrangements can be made by calling Allen Eddy (312) 565-0075 (days-call collect) or (312) 537-0076 (evenings). Arrangements can also be made through the show company I have ~~some~~ now at (312) 834-5354 (days or evenings).

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AN OLD GUPPY PROBLEM--REVIVED

by George B. McConkey

The problem is one that only a very few guppy people ever experience. However, it is something that can bring any progress to a quick and painful halt. While I have never had this particular problem, it is one that has brought questions from those who want answers. The problem, for those to whom have never heard of it, is the dropping of unbatched eggs from pregnant guppies. As it has been told to me, once a female begins this sort of thing, often she continues to do so from then on--for whatever reasons.

While I no longer keep guppies myself, I seem to remember that certain breeders had the problem and never found reasons or cures for it. What makes the problem so baffling, is that it happens in widely separated areas, to breeders with similar lines of fish and some times on a hap-hazard basis to these same people. The latest report to me (with any potential answers that I may suggest) was to guppy people in the New York City area. Until I can get more detailed answers from a few of these people, I can only half-way guess at what may be causing the problem.

Years ago the fact that certain guppy kinds dropped eggs instead of baby fish was essentially blamed on the strains involved all having been crossed at one time or the other with albino or gold kinds. As is common knowledge, mixing such genes with one kind gave some excellent hybrid fish for one generation. It often improved color, even fixed color at times, as it was a hybrid cross, vigor was likely improved (usually for one generation only, roughly speaking) and was the "standard way" to lose some unwanted traits such as mixtures of colors as compared to single clear colors that were wanted, and making new color combinations at times. BUT, as often happens in such crosses, there were additional of unwanted factors at the same time. In the case of gold-albino-gray crosses, all or partial sterility was one of the happenings. As a side-line effect, most true golds and albino females may be extremely hard to impregnate. Group breeding was the method often employed just to maintain such strains. All this simply means that sooner or later one came to a dead end with golds and albinos dependent on how they were likely to be kept for comparatively long periods of time--say twelve generations or more.

Keeping in mind, that gold-albino-gray crossing only give grey guppies in the first generation, any of these F-1's used for further breeding will give percentages of lighter colored fish, both male and female; these second generation fish will also show the very factors that one wished for in the first place. Of course, this simply means the best looking guppies will be the very ones that will carry the unwanted recessive characteristics that will cause trouble. With all this in mind there could be several possibilities that may cause early birthing.

(1) Genetic flaws from the use of crosses of guppy kinds known to be deficient with related problems of sterility--which just may be what the early droppings actually are but acting different.

(2) Acid water reactions--ALL of the problems given to me by others are from known acid water areas, that is, the municipal systems furnish acid water to some degree which is not too unusual, except this type of water is one that can combine very easily with other possible contaminants to form compounds that could react with one of the weaker (in recessive genes) guppy kinds and cause the afore mentioned problems. In other words, it would seem the trouble has to be sex-related. Example: In this area where the local water supplies originate from Lake Erie the water once upon-a-time was so bad that tropical fish could not long survive in the water drawn from the tap in the winter months when the lake was frozen and the compounds were concentrated so badly. Usually from late January until March when the ice broke up AND this water was quite alkaline rather than acid--which supposedly is less apt to make chemical compounds.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take I-294 North to North Ave., (Lake St.). East on North Ave. 25th St. (also known as Rose). North on 25th St. to Chestnut. East on Chestnut to Birch. South on Birch to 2838 Birch
FROM THE NORTH: Take I-294 South to Irving Park Rd. (19). East on Irving Park Rd. to 25th St. (also known as Ruby). South on 25th St. to Chestnut. East on Chestnut to Birch. South on Birch to 2838 Birch
FROM HOTEL: Take Des Plaines River Rd. South to Chestnut. West on Chestnut to Birch. South on Birch to 2838 Birch.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Stephen A. Sparrow
742 South Harvard
Villa Park, Illinois 6018.
Phone: (312) 834-5354

3) Force-grown and "pampered" fish Fish that are early maturing and apt to be a bit weaker than most kinds due to being carried up into maturity just could be the very ones to show deficiencies by dropping unhatched eggs, rather than carrying them full time and thus showing as eggs rather than baby fish. I have been told that many exceptionally early maturing guppies never carry young to the normal time but tend to bear young at earlier intervals which can vary from one to three days early. While such fish may be smaller than they otherwise could be, they make up for this by growing faster and thus a few dead fry is considered normal. ONLY when this trend becomes very acute does it really become a problem.

While I make no claims that any of the above is the final answer to the problem, the reasons given are enough to make one think. It did so twenty years ago and very likely what was going on then is being repeated now.

RAISING BRINE SHRIMP TO ADULT SIZE

by Arthur Parker
Corresponding Member
Oakland, Maine

In Sunday, February 3rd I received a phone call from a gentleman in Washington State who had just read my article in the February TFGA bulletin. He was particularly interested in raising brine shrimp to adult size. I decided other people might also be interested in this so the following is the method I use:

Using any of the commercially available marine mixes and a 10 gallon tank mix enough salt solution for ten gallons of salt water. When the salts have completely dissolved siphon off the amount you are going to need for your hatchery. Once this is done add your heater - adjust it to 78 degrees. You are now set to start raising brine shrimp to adult size. You can either add your brine shrimp eggs directly to the tank or siphon some of the newly hatched from the hatchery and put them in the tank. Once the temperature is up to 78 degrees add the eggs and let them rest for an hour or so to absorb some water. Once the hour is up start your aeration. When the eggs have hatched (48-72 hours, depending on the type of eggs used) - feed them with either liquid egg layer fry formula or extra min dry egg layer formula twice a week. If the tank is set in a spot where it will directly be in sunshine algae should start growing and the brine shrimp should be up to size in four to six weeks, with the food mentioned. If they are not fed as stated they will become cannibalistic. Once they are adult size (a little over a quarter of an inch) they may be fed to your adult guppies and other types of fish. The type of hatching jar can be either a one gallon wide mouthed jar with a rigid plastic tube right to the base or a two liter plastic soda bottle. If the two liter bottle is used it should be inverted in a rack or a wire hanger may be made to hang the bottle. Using the inverted soda bottle you need a hard rubber stopper that has been drilled out to accept two pieces of rigid tubing. One piece of the rigid tubing should come within 1/4 inch of the bottom of the bottle and a 1/2 inch out of the rubber stopper. This is the exhaust tube you connect your airline to the short tubes. When the bottle is inverted and the air turned on the pressure above the water line has to be released - the long plastic tube will vent this pressure which is sometimes enough to run another hatchery.

RAISING BRINE SHRIMP TO ADULT SIZE

NOTE Will the gentlemen from Washington State please write to me as I did not get your address - but you do have mine and I would like to correspond.
Art Parker

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

from David Schendelmeyer

I have issues of Tropical Fish Hobbyist magazine (most issues 1969, 1970, 1971). If any of you readers have a need for any of these ancient issues of T.F.H., please respond to:

David A. Schendelmeyer
835 West Third
Medalia, Missouri 65301

When responding please state which issue(s) you would be interested in and what price you'll offer for these issues. I have been offered what I felt a substantial offer for these books by a local fish hobbyist. I felt, though, if they are worth so much per book to him maybe a better offer could be had. Anyway, the following list is enclosed, let me hear some response from the rest of the fish hobbyist world out there. List:

1969 - April thru December
1970 - January thru December
1971 - January thru April
1974 - October

SHOW SCHEDULE 1975

CLUB	SHOW DATE	CLASSES DUE
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31	
Big Apple Guppy Group	April 13-14	
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5	
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19	February
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2	March 1
East Coast Guppy Association	June 15-16	March 15
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30	March 29
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21	April 20
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4	May 1
Guppy Association International Chicago	September 7-8	June 7
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 8

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Group and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

One of our favorite "guppy nuts", Elvin "Old Man" Cooney, is hospitalized at the time of this writing in Richmond, Virginia. Cooney had a heart attack the week of February 10th. If you'd like to send him a card it would be best, to send them to his home at this time, Box 119, Irvington, Virginia 22430

by John Mackay
Michigan Guppy Breeders

One of the major problems facing the novice breeder or people with limited living areas is coming up with the space for a suitable amount of aquariums and building a rack to hold the tanks. Having lived in a mobile home trailer, I can sympathize with trailer and apartment dwellers who want to be more active with tropical fish but can't due to the lack of such space. I built a rack out of 2 x 4's that holds 20 aquariums. It's just right for the novice starting out and for the person with a limited area. The dimensions of the rack are as follows: 70" long by 20" wide and 61" high. It holds twelve 10 gallon tanks and eight 5 1/2 gallon tanks.

The first thing you'll need to do to construct this rack is to buy twelve 2 x 4 studs. Studs usually are around 90" long and vary in price (in my area) from 99c to \$1.49.

Next cut six of the 2 x 4's to 70" long. The next six are cut to 61" long, saving all ends from the twelve 2 x 4's. Nine of these end pieces are then cut to 20" in length. The next step is to notch the six 61" 2 x 4's as shown

Once the six 2 x 4's are notched, you are now ready to assemble the rack. Lay three of the 61" 2 x 4's down with the two notches up and place three 70" 2 x 4's as shown in Fig. 2. The middle 61" 2 x 4 should be exactly in the middle of the three 70" 2 x 4's. I've found the best way to fasten the boards together is with carriage bolts with nuts and washers. You'll need 18 1/2" bolts and 18 3/4" bolts with 36 hex nuts and washers. Once the boards are all lined up, drill 1/2" holes as marked by an x in Fig. 2. Do the second set of 2 x 4's the same way. When both sets are securely bolted, stand them upright and place the nine 20" 2 x 4's as shown in Fig. 3. Bolt all securely and your rack is now complete.

Next month I'll explain how the tanks are set in the racks, how many strains you can maintain and how you would utilize each tank plus some attachments you can add to your rack. We will also show you how to expand your rack as you grow. If you want all ten gallon tanks all you have to do is move the top notch from the back to the front as shown. 18 ten gallon tanks is the maximum that the rack will accommodate.

AQUARIUM RACK...

Editor's Note: John has sent some excellent diagrams of this rack construction. I will try to do my best to reprint them but the stencils we are using at the present time are not the best for drawings. If you would like better blueprints of these racks please send a self addressed stamped envelope to John and he will provide you with a better copy. John's address: P.O. Box 456, Dollar Bay, Michigan 49922.

FIG. 2 - FRONT & BACK VIEW

FIG. 3 - SIDE VIEW

END VIEW
Not Drawn To Scale

MIDDLE VIEW

Last summer Astrid Young had asked for the breeders in the IFGA to submit articles or presentation at the Convention/Workshop of the European clubs. The following is a reprint of the article sent by Tom Allen

SOME THOUGHTS ON BREEDING THE GUPPY

by Tom Allen

My love of tropical fish began about 1950 when, as a youngster, I raised fish of different varieties in a 20 gallon community tank along with a 1 gallon jar to house their fry. Only the most common livebearers and egglayers were available and affordable to a youngster and the thought of breeding the guppy never entered my mind. It wasn't until 1967 after a 12 year absence from the hobby to start a family that my appetite for guppy breeding began. After spending two years as a member of an all-species aquarium society, in 1971 I became an active member of Guppy Associates International Chicago and a corresponding member of the International Fancy Guppy Association (IFGA).

Regardless of the depth at which you breed the guppy, you must choose methods and techniques which work in your system of breeding. What works for one person may not work for another. However, a good breeder is adaptable and will test another's suggestions until he/she is absolutely certain it will not work in his/her program of breeding.

Currently 62 of my 90 aquariums are devoted to the guppy. This may seem like a great many tanks but in terms of capacity it works out like this

16 - 20 gallon
12 - 10 gallon
15 - 5 gallon
19 - 2 gallon

The remaining tanks in my set-up are used for the breeding of angelfish and albino corydoras catfish. As far as the guppy is concerned, were you to visit my fishroom, you would find the following color strains:

Reds
Blues
Greens
Purples
Blue/Purple Snakekins
Bronze

At any time, there might be as many as four different lines of a color in my tanks with one line being bred for body size, another for caudal color, etc.. Lines are inbred for 3-5 generations and then a line cross to distantly related stock or an outcross to an unrelated strain preferably in the same color is made.

By far, the most challenging aspect of breeding is to select a female which is genetically able to maintain or better the trait in her siblings which you are trying to improve. This holds true when selecting females from unrelated strains i.e. outcrossing. It is a good practice to take young from at least two different females in the event that one female does not pass the qualities which you desire on to her young. When a female is heavy with young, she should be moved to a maternity tank to deliver her young. It is imperative that only 1 dropping of young be kept in a tank if this rule is not kept, the breeder will never be certain of the genetic makeup of the fish and his/her breeding program will lack the direction it needs for future success.

The very best food for guppy fry is newly-hatched baby brine shrimp. This may pose a difficulty to some of you since brine shrimp eggs may not be available in your country. This is an example of being able to adapt by replacing the brine shrimp with

SOME THOUGHTS ON FEEDING THE GUPPY

some other live food. Brine shrimp eggs, while very expensive, are available to breeders in the States. Young fish will gorge themselves on live baby brine almost to the point where they burst. Other excellent foods for size are frozen beef heart and liver paste. Foods of this type, while appealing to the guppy, are difficult and messy to prepare and need to be kept frozen until fed. Another aspect of feeding which is important is to develop a feeding schedule which is convenient for you based on the times during the day which you are at home to feed (many breeders will have another member of the family take care of some of the meals). Since the guppy can digest its food in as little as 45 minutes, some guppy breeders have reverted to feeding as many as 10 meals each day. An example of a six meal per day schedule follows below.

6 00 AM Flake meal
7 30 AM.....Frozen-Dried meal.
12 00 PM.....Blend meal
4 00 PM.....Frozen Beefheart meal.
6 30 PMNewly-hatched Baby brine meal
8 30 PM.....Blend meal

The Flake meal can be just one flake food or, if others are available, more than one flake food with each one fed on different days. Obviously, any time you can replace a "dry" meal with a live food such as daphnia, this should be done.

An important aspect of the hobby which is very often overlooked by breeders is the keeping of records on matings. Since it should be the goal of everyone to breed only the very best fish, records of past successes and failures are a must if your breeding program is to be successful over a period of time. Information such as -

Type of fish (color, etc.)
Parentage
Dominant/recessive traits
Visual abnormalities (spined details, etc.)
Strain number
Age number
Litter number
Date of birth
Generation code
of young in litter
% males/ % females
% deformities

is a valuable tool in insuring that your breeding program is on the right track. Initially, each dropping of fish or any new fish entered into the program will have a record filled out for it. That way we can follow the progress of our fish and not duplicate any linecross/outcross which might result in inferior puppies.

It is my belief, at least in North America, that most learning about the guppy comes either by trial and error or by face-to-face contact amongst breeders at sponsored IFGA shows. Many of those who must learn by trial and error are never successful and become drop-outs from the hobby. Unfortunately, too few good articles/books on the subject of guppy breeding exist. While the IFGA bulletin is a step in the right direction, our hobby still has a long way to go. We in North America encourage guppy breeders the world over to unite in the common cause of the guppy by exchanging articles and participating in both the European and American sponsored guppy exhibits.

AVOID STRESS IN SNOG COPIES,....

by Warren Burke
Big Apple Guppy Group

At one time I was very high on using Novequa, but no more since they are using a second chemical in their product. I now use Stress Coat which is 100% better. It also contains Aloe-Vera which eliminates stress in all fish being shipped. I also place it in all bowls and tanks that contain my fish at the show. I use two drops to each fish & strip in bags to accommodate their behavior at the show.

Stress Coat prevents cloudiness of water and with prevention, stress is shock to your fish. When they are displayed for judging they don't lose their color as some of the greens and blues do, which happens when you use other types of chlorine removers.

This is super product and as far as I'm concerned there is nothing on the market that can beat this product. In your fish room use 2 drops to each gallon of water and you will see the difference in your fish. This is also good to use when setting up new water in your tanks.

NOTICE!!

There are two address changes for you to make now. The first is on the back of the front cover.

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The second change is on the Judges list:

Marilyn Johnson
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EDITOR'S NOTICE

by Ann Bauer

Regardless of what part of the country you are reading this in - most of us have just read a good feature on Express. It is a great time with all the news waiting that first SNOW of the year which means SPRING!! And when you sleep to the news about it - it's not that far off! Are you ready??

Thank you to the people who have so received the Guppy Bulletin. The Guppy Bulletin. Further checking revealed that two IFGA articles were reprinted in that particular issue - both were taken from IFGA's Feb. 1984 issue -

Jim Thale's - "The Fish Room"

Reginald Day's - Two Types of Breeders

Congratulations to both of you!! I, too, share Tom's feelings in wishing that we could find someone to translate the Austrian and German bulletins we receive. I am sure they would be of great interest to all of the guppy breeders in the States.

I hope that all of you noticed the advertisement for Bridge Supply in last month's bulletin. It arrived after the bulletin had been printed, therefore it was too late to be listed in the index.

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Vi Golinowski reports that 7 of our clubs --- E.G.G.A., Greater Virginia, G.A.G.C., Guppy Associates of Toronto, Midwest Guppy Club, Northern California Guppy Association, and South Jersey Guppy Group --- have not submitted their 1985 rosters. This puts us in a predicament as we have no way of knowing who to recognize as a delegate/alternate for our meeting in April. Kindly get this taken care of immediately.

In the last two issues of the bulletin, you've had the opportunity to read the correspondence between the IFGA and TFM concerning the recent Axelrod article on guppies. If you feel (as I do) that the IFGA simply got the runaround from TFM, why not write them a letter voicing an individual gripe. Maybe if we gang up on them they will take notice. I did request that they print an apology to the IFGA but it never appeared in later issues. In spite of all this (as suggested by John Mackay), Mr. Frank and/or Dr. Axelrod will be invited to attend our Big Apple show in April. In this way they can judge for themselves just where the IFGA is with standardization, quality of entries, etc. Write to TFM in care of:

Mr. Neal Frank
Managing Editor
TFM Publications, Inc.
211 W. Sylvania Avenue
Neptune City, New Jersey 07753

People not involved in our hobby often ask how the fish would survive if the air pump didn't work, the lights were broken, or the furnace was "on the fritz". All of the above happened recently at the Allen's when we lost electrical power for a 26 hour period due to an ice storm. Once the indoor temperature dropped to 60 degrees twelve hours into the ordeal, all we could think about was having to start all over especially since the temperature was due to drop to the low twenties that evening. Imagine the disappointment of having to turn on the lights next morning only to see hundreds of floating carcasses. As it turned out, our only immediate loss amounted to about 50 baby angels. Our losses could have been far, far worse! Power failures have happened in the past but the outage lasted only 1-4 hours and generally occurred in spring when loss of heat wasn't a problem. This might not be a bad time for each of you to plot a course of action if ever you are faced with a like dilemma

SHOW SCHEDULE 1985

CLUB	SHOW DATE	CLASSES ARE
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31	
Big Apple Guppy Group	April 13-14	
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5	
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19	
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2	
East Coast Guppy Association	June 13-16	
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30	March 29
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21	April 20
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4	May 3
Guppy Associates International Chicago	September 7-8	June 7
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 8

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Group and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

GUPPY ASSOCIATES OF GREATER CLEVELAND
IFGA 7 POINT SHOW
May 18-19, 1985

Location: Budget Inn-West, 14043 Broadpark Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44142

Schedule: Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Registration Opens
4:00 p.m. - Registration Closes
6:30 p.m. - Judging

Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Open to Public
12:00 noon - Award Presentation
12:30 p.m. - Debenching - We will make every attempt to debench out of town fish as early as possible.

GENERAL RULES

- All entries must be registered by 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18th.
- Judging will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Entries will be judged in conjunction with IFGA rules.
- The exhibitor will determine the class of competition in which his entry is to be exhibited. Assistance in classification will be available if needed at the time of registration.
- Every precaution will be taken against loss of fish or other hazard, but the show committee cannot assume responsibility for such loss.
- Fish may not be removed from the show until awards have been presented, at which time a member of GAGC will return the fish to the exhibitor.
- No gravel, greens or decorative items may be used with any entry.
- Lighting will be overhead fluorescent. Stands will be draped with black cloth.

SINGLE ENTRIES: Both male and female single entries will be exhibited in 1/2 gallon drum bowls 3/4 filled with water. One female may be included with a male, but only the male will be judged.

PAIR ENTRIES: An entry will consist of two matched males. A female may be added, but will not be judged. Entries will be exhibited in 1 1/2 gallon aquariums.

BROODER FEMALE: Entries will consist of three matched females and will be exhibited in 2 1/2 gallon aquariums. All entries will be judged as one class.

BREEDER MALE: An entry will consist of five matched males. Two females may be added, but will not be judged. Entries will be exhibited in 2 1/2 gallon aquariums. All entries will be judged as one class.

NOVICE CLASS: These classes are open only to those who have never won a first place in open competition in an IFGA show.

GAGC WILL NOT HAVE AN AUCTION THIS YEAR.

AWARDS: Plaques for 1st place, Award cards for 2nd, 3rd and 4th place.
Plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Best of Show.

SHIPPED IN ENTRIES

- All shipped in entries must be received by 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 17th - NO EXCEPTIONS.
- AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY - Send to James Bardoun, 1985 Cherry Lane, Seven Hills, Independence, P.O., Ohio 44131. Telephone: (216) 524-7539.

SHIPPER IN ENTRIES (cont.)

1. AIR FREIGHT, Ship to Cleveland Hopkins Airport contact Charlie Ball, 2129 W. 83rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44102 Phone (216) 281-0847. Freight must be marked "CALL ON ARRIVAL".
4. All shipping charges must be prepaid along with return fare. No collect shipments will be accepted. All fish shipped with no return fare will be GAGG property.

<u>ENTRY FEES.</u>	Single Entry, Male or Female	\$1.50
	Two Matched Males	\$2.50
	Breeder Tank, Male or Female	\$1.50

CLASSES

<u>TANKS</u>	<u>DELTA/VEIL</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Red	Red	Gold	Red
Blue	Blue	Bronze	Blue/Green
Green	Green	Yellow	H/B Red
Purple	Purple	Novice	H/B AOC
Black	Black		AOC
Multi	Multi		Gold
H/B Red	H/B Red		Black
H/B Blue	H/B Blue		Novice
H/B Pastel	H/B Pastel		Bronze
Yellow	H/B AOC		
H/B AOC	AOC		
AOC	Red Bicolor		
Red Bicolor	B/G Bicolor		
B/G Bicolor	AOC Bicolor		
AOC Bicolor	Snake Solid		
Snake Solid	Snake Varig.		
Snake Varig.	Albino		
Gold	H/B Yellow		
Albino		<u>SINGLES (ALL COLORS)</u>	
Bronze	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>SUPERTWIDE CLASS</u>	<u>SINGLES</u>
Single Sword	Males	Males	Single Sword
Double Sword	Females	Females	Double Sword
H/B Yellow			

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Rates: Single - \$28.95 + tax
 Double - \$53.95 + tax
 Price includes breakfast

MAP

Show Chairperson: Rina Rosolt, 1416 E. 43 St., Cleveland, Ohio 44103
 Assist: Dave Arns and John Rosolt

REMEMBERING

By Ethel Shubel

Michigan Guppy Breeders

Over the many years Stan and I have been in the Guppy Hobby we have met many wonderful people and gone to many towns, cities and states. And we have some great memories. Stan has received hundreds of trophies, ribbons, and plaques and each and every one of them is great in their own way. But the things that come as a surprise are the best!! Three of these stand out in my mind at this time.

The first was a show we went to in Montreal, Canada in a very plush hotel. The show was held in a Ballroom and was an experience in itself. The hosting club was handing out the awards and I, of course, was doing what I am most noted for - TALKING - with a group of guppy-idiots. When to my surprise I heard my name being called for a trophy. All I heard over the loud speaker was "Ethel Shubel, best in female class with a split tail". Well, I immediately went up to the announcer to inform him that they must have made a mistake because I hadn't entered any fish in the female class and by the time I got up there it had dawned on me what had really been said. Then all that came out of my pure little mouth (he he) was "Oh shit". To which everyone started to laugh. And to be even more embarrassed I found out I had been on the radio when I said it. But it was a great thrill anyway to know that I had won a trophy without Stan.

The second was when Chicago announced that Stan had been inducted into the Guppy Hall of Fame. I can't tell you how proud that made me feel. Especially since he has given his all for this hobby. And then a short time later to be informed that I had also won this prized honor. (But to this day I can't figure out what for).

And then just this last year (84) to win another surprise award for doing what is so easy to do for a great group of people. Help and Enjoy.. Thank you Big Apple Guppy Group!!! You have no idea how good this made us feel.

I know that the precluded hasn't anything to do with the "how and why" of raising guppies but I just felt that maybe some of you people out there who think you're not appreciated will come to know, as we did, how much you really are!! To name a few who have worked so hard and feel "not appreciated":

The whole CHICAGO GROUP who thru all these years in the hobby have worked so hard and not really received due credit.
 The NEW YORK GROUP who always make you feel at home at their shows and do try to enter all shows, International.
 To the MAUMEN GROUP who put out our Bulletin and do a darn good job of it!!
 To our mystery writer, GUIDO FOMZIDNY
 To DON SAURUS, who keeps us on our toes with the Gold Class.
 To PAUL BLOOD, our meeting perfectionist.
 To BILL ORTH, our quiet man behind the scenes.
 To FRANK SCHULTERBRANET, for his work on standardizing our entry forms.
 To ALL YOU PEOPLE who write our articles and help our novice friends.
 AND MOST OF ALL TO POP AND MAM MORGAN/OLD MAN COONEY, for their loving and happy ways.

There are so many more who make up our group of "GUPPY IDIOTS" that don't come to mind right off but "THANK YOU" for just being you.

To all of you novice people out there who look up to our Publication as a form of guppy information, "All is not work for you must enjoy to win." Most of the breeders will help you if you just write or call them. But better yet, come to the shows and participate with us. We do a lot of talking after the meetings. Don't wait to be invited into a group session no matter where it may be. Just join in

REMEMBERING ..

and ask your questions. We won't laugh, we were there once ourselves. Sometimes our letters aren't answered right away but that doesn't mean we have forgotten you write again if you have to..

And LADIES, you are the push behind these great guys. Even if you don't like fish, come to the show and participate, our men may not like all that we do either.

REMEMBER - GUPPY IDIOTS ARE A GREAT BUNCH OF PEOPLE!

ONE WAY TO BETTER GUPPIES

by Charlie Zesch
Gateway Guppy Associates

How do you raise a good show guppy? What is the secret formula? There is no simple answer. The one item that stuck in my mind was something I read years ago in "Fancy Guppies" by Melvin F. Roberts - "Ruthless Culling!" This I believe is the most important single factor.

The first culling should be obvious - crippled or deformed fish as soon as any size is reached and continuing until your final show fish are selected. The second culling can be when the fish are two months old. Take out anything that is smaller than the rest. After three months take out any without.

1. Matching color in the dorsal and caudal.
2. Solid desired color in both dorsal and caudal.
3. If white caudal is desired, take out the veils or vice-versa, and lost but not least -
4. Small dorsals.

For culling, pretend you are an IFGA show judge. Keep only those that will pass this examination. Squinting my eyes helps me in selecting for symmetry by observing the silhouette. This should leave only a few fish left from any one dropping but these are your best fish to use for show or breeding.

It is best to keep the original breeders or a few extra (next to the best) if you have the extra tank space, as "back up" stock should anything cause a catastrophe in your best tank. This is a fact I had to learn the hard way!

PAN PACIFIC GUPPY ASSOCIATION
IFGA 7 POINT SHOW
June 1-2, 1985

Location: Ramada Inn, 840 South Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, California

Show Schedule: Saturday, June 1
8 AM - Benchings
2:00 PM - Judging
7:30 PM - Dinner

Sunday, June 2
9:00 AM - Open to general public
12:00 Noon - Awards and Auction
2:00 PM - Debenching

PAN PACIFIC RULES..

GENERAL RULES

1. All mailed in entries must be received by 5 PM Friday, May 31st
2. All entries must have been born and raised in the exhibitors tanks
3. Fish will be judged visually by a group of judges in accordance with IFGA standards. Overhead incandescent light will be used during judging. Uniform black backgrounds throughout. The decision of the judges will be final.
4. Exhibition will determine classification of entry. Assistance in classification will be available at the time of registration. No gravel, greens or decorations may be used with any entry.
5. No fish shall be removed from the show prior to the close of the show, except for personal pick-up. PPGA members will remove fish from the display and return to the exhibitors
6. Every precaution will be taken to prevent the loss or damage of any fish but the PPGA cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage to any entries.

ENTRY FEES: Single - \$1.50
 Tank - \$2.50
 Breeders - \$3.50

SINGLE ENTRIES: All entries are to be exhibited in 1/2 gallon drum bowls. One female is optional but will not be judged. Bowls will be available at no charge.

TANK ENTRIES: Two matched males are to be exhibited in 1/2 gallon drum bowls. Bowls will be available. Related female may be added but will not be judged.

BREEDER MALES: Five matched males to be exhibited in 2 1/2 gallon tanks (also at no charge). Two related females may be added but will not be judged.

BREEDER FEMALES: Three matched females to be exhibited in 2 1/2 gallon tanks (also at no charge).

NOVICE: Open to those exhibitors who have never won a 1st place in an IFGA show.

AWARDS: All 1st places will receive a plaque. Singles and tanks will receive an award card for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places. Breeders and Best of Show award will receive a plaque for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places.

AUCTION: Exhibitors wishing to have their entries sold by the auction should so specify when registering in the space provided on the entry form. PPGA will retain 25% of all auctioned fish. Any fish that has been put up for auction but without a bid will be kept by PPGA, or sent back to the exhibitor if he has other entries going back.

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY or EXPRESS MAIL only. Send to:

Dr. Frank Chang
313 Liberty Lane
Placentia, California 92670
Telephone: (714) 996-5713

Be sure all fish are marked as to class and breeder. Please include names and addresses of all breeders. Please, in group shipments specify if fish are to be returned (return fare included) auctioned or etc. Please use IFGA or similar entry forms. Also it is a good idea to call to inform me when to expect your fish

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Phone: (714) 621-4831

CLASSES

TANKS

Red
Blue
Green
Black
Multi
AOC
Purple
H/B Red
H/B Blue
H/B Pastel
H/B AOC
H/B Yellow
Red Bicolor
Blue/Green Bicolor
AOC Bicolor
Snakeskin Solid
Snakeskin Varigated
Yellow
Gold
Albino
Stripes
Swordtail Double
Swordtail Single
Novice

DELTA/VEIL

Red
Blue
Green
Black
Multi
AOC
Purple
H/B Red
H/B Blue
H/B Pastel
H/B AOC
Red Bicolor
Blue/Green Bicolor
AOC Bicolor
Snakeskin Solid
Snakeskin Varigated
Albino
Yellow
Bronze
Gold

FEMALES

Red
Blue/Green
Black
Gold
AOC
H/B AOC
Albino
Novice
H/B Red
Bronze

COMBINED DELTA/VEIL

Swordtail Single
Swordtail Double
H/B Yellow
Novice

BREEDER MALES

BREEDER FEMALES

We hope that everyone will try to send as many entries as possible to make our show a success.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Dr. James Alderson
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San Diego, California 91773
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AND WHAT DO YOU THINK?

by Josh Wilson
Penneyville Keystone Guppy
Association

As a new member, I sometimes think it is my place to just sit back and listen for a time, keeping my thoughts to myself. But since I do enjoy writing and getting involved you will probably be hearing from me more often than not. I apologize in advance for being a new kid on the block (IPGA), but strongly feel communication is both the key to many thought provoking solutions and should remain a two way street. After reading Bob Fisher's articles on wide tail guppies and thinking back to the November meeting, I find I have mixed emotions on the subject for several different reasons.

Certainly there is no doubt that we who are promoting and enjoying the guppy hobby would like to see a continual improvement in guppy size, color, and eye, tail width and length. Perhaps some of us, however, might be content, given the time, expertise and good luck, to catch up more with IPGA present standards. Nevertheless,

I am inclined to suggest that we might encourage a new category of wide tail guppies at this time. The potential and breeding experience has already surfaced and it is perhaps time to think about rewarding these efforts. Who among us would not be delighted to have a super wide tail guppy with good full finnage in our special tank or to use for breeding better deltas?

At the November meeting there seemed to be an almost endless number of motions to sponsor a new category, color, or class, etc. of guppy; then underwrite, through sponsorship, the cost of the annual trophy. There is, of course, no binding obligation on the part of any host club to include such a new (experimental) category, but in all cases to do so is a new added expense. At this point no one knows how many entries these new categories will generate to help reduce the added expenditure of another cup, plaque, etc. by the host club. The present mood towards expansion of classes and increased annual trophies with few restrictions and no guidelines, I THINK IS A WRONG OVERALL APPROACH. I believe any category should be maintained only as long as it generates enough interest, through entries, to retain competition within itself. This could be translated into a minimum standard of entries for the year. Those categories failing to attract the required entries for a two year period (to compensate for cyclic trends) should be dropped for the following year. This will reduce the show cost to the host clubs in the area of poorly supported categories. And seriously I ask you, what are we really accomplishing if one entry comes into a category; it qualifies because of its characteristics; and it is awarded first place, when in fact, it could be humpback, one eyed and a terrible guppy specimen. Granted this is not the norm but it can be an EASY WIN SITUATION. Statistically speaking from a review of the show results printed last year from June to December and discounting disqualifiers; there were twenty six category situations where only two fish were entered, twenty five category instances where only one fish was entered and twenty three categories where no fish had been entered. The outstanding areas were the H/B golds, Golds and Yellows. These are excellent areas for a new hobbyist to start breeding and enter competition. So long as the fish qualify, you will be guaranteed a first place win before very long because there is no competition. I am not timid about suggesting this easy win technique in show classes where there is little competition or interest. If a lot of new breeders will follow such a recommendation and start showing in these areas they will have a good chance for an easy win. But they will not be the only winners because with the initiation of this increased competition and entries (now lacking) the class itself will be improved. Some classes have as many as 20 to 30 entries vying for top honors and yet that first place award looks the same as another first place granted to the only entry in a class. Do you really think all single entry fish in a category deserve First Place? Or should there be a minimum point-type standard? Before too many persons jump on me I will defer that thought for another time, and continue on.

How do you feel about a recommendation that we should consider changing the way new annual trophies are sponsored for divided, new or reinstated categories? What would happen if the initial cost were tripled to discourage an ever increasing sponsorship of annual trophies in improved or questionable categories and obligating some clubs to procure more and more first place awards? Would it work at all? Could it work? THINK ABOUT IT! As soon as the minimum yearly entry requirement is met the cost of sponsorship for that category would revert to the nominal amount or if the delegates feel it should be removed from a trial basis category and made a mandatory category in IPGA shows! The increased sponsorship fee over the normal cost could be shared with the host clubs who include the new categories in their shows, remember more signs and more bowls, and more first place awards.

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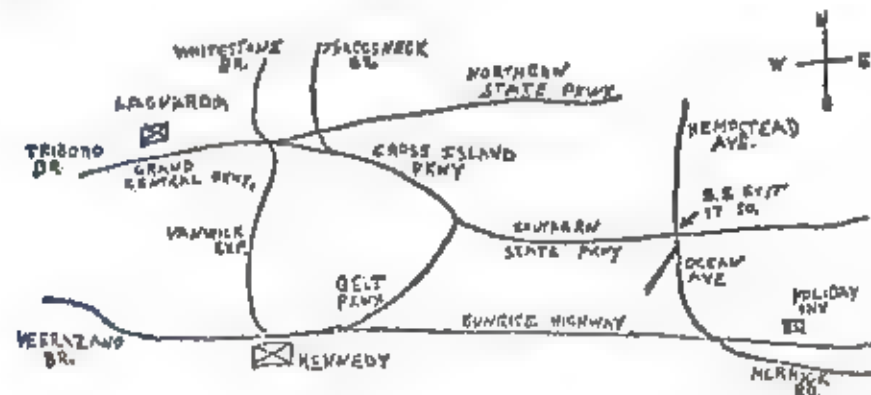
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Red	Red	Red
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Green	Green	Black
Black	Black	Gold
Multi	Multi	AOC
BOX	AOC	H/B AOC
Purple	Purple	H/B Red
H/B Red	H/B Red	Novice
H/B Blue	H/B Blue	Bronze
H/B Yellow	H/B AOC	
H/B AOC	H/B Pastel	<u>COMBINED DELTA/VEIL</u>
H/B Pastel	Red B1	Bronze
Red B1	Blue/Green B1	Albino
Blue/Green B1	AOC B1	Gold
AOC B1	Snakeskin Solid	Sword
Snakeskin Solid	Snakeskin Var.	Novice
Snakeskin Var.		Yellow
Yellow		H/B Yellow
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Away back in September 1969, there was a series of articles widely read and discussed from the Pan-Pacific Guppy Association's club publication (The Guppy Roundtable) by a Dr. Eugene Larr on results apparently acquired on feeding certain fish foods normally used with guppies. Earthworms were one such food used. The printed results were long discussed, but not much tried I seem to remember, as the worms easily came in first, even over brine shrimp, in the listed results the growth rate, color, vigor and size relations the earthworm diet came in first. BUT, of the few who attempted to use the worms very few did so for very long -- at least in the people who I knew at the time.

To be more exact, earthworms are not a new food by any means when it came to using them with tropical fish. In some of my very old fish magazines going back into the early 1930's, there were not only mentions of their use, but grater-type items were advertised to use to reduce the size of the worms for ease of feeding fish. In Great Britain, I have been told, these are a standard item used with all kinds of fish and can be obtained either live, or dried, as made for the purpose. To go this one better, when I was a kid some sixty years ago, the water fish food used with the common gold fish sold at most department stores, earthworms were listed as one of the ingredients.

In most any location with good soil and lots of moisture, most fishermen can tell you fishworms are easy to obtain. If you read the advertisements on the backs of a lot of modern magazines, there are various ads, either selling earthworms directly, or plans to start you in your own "worm farm". None of this is news. What may come as a shock, however, is how you handle the worms when it comes to using them as fish foods. Worms, as they come in the wild, are likely to be full of soil. This should be removed first of all, and the method is called 'scouring'. It simply means to put the worms in a culture where there is no soil so they will eliminate this in a "natural" way. This can take days. As the live animal comes in many sizes, (the largest ones are most wanted and easiest to gather) they are not suitable as guppy foods as they come. The methods of making them of a smaller size are several - going from a whirl in the electric blender to chopping them by hand with a knife. This, of course, makes them no longer a "live food". Not one of your more easy or clean operations, whatever way you do it.

The people who have used earthworms, all say to use the blender, make up a large batch at one time, freeze the results and feed as one would frozen brine shrimp or beef heart. Like any ground meat, the chopped worms will not keep well once they are chopped -- even with refrigeration. One other tip. The so-called dew worms, or night crawlers are best, but any kind will work except the red wigglers or "manure" worms are not well accepted by fish. I suspect these may do more harm than good very similar to some predictions that happen with tubifex worms -- that is, disease and water fouling.

It just could be that the lowly earthworm may be one substitute for brine shrimp when these become too high in price. It just could be that a blend of pre-prepared (commercially very likely) worms and brine shrimp may be the growth food of the future.

RED CLASS		BLUE CLASS	
1 John O'Brien	420	1 Jim Alderson	308
2 Stan Shubel	140	2 Joe Smith	224
3 Frank Mormino	70	3 Steve Sparrow	70
3 Frank Ortea	70	4 Paul Gorski	56
GREEN CLASS		BLACK CLASS	
1 Rev. Lloyd Groenke	280	1 D & R Rush	434
2 Frederick Roll	182	2 Reginald Day	126
3 M & D Lastella	140	3 B & J Orta	98
4 R & H Halverson	70	4 Ed Regan	56
MULTI CLASS		PURPLE CLASS	
1 Rev Richmond	294	1 Stan Shubel	294
2 Frank Mormino	140	2 Eugene Golimowski	154
3 J & B Longer	26	3 M & D Lastella	112
4 B & B Miller	70	4 Peter Tedesco	98
AOC CLASS		H/B RED CLASS	
1 B & B Miller	322	1 Stan Shubel	378
2 Rev Richmond	252	2 Irvin Solomon	210
3 Jim Jirku	70	3 Vic Fitze	54
3 Ed Rogac	70	4 Don Saurers	42
H/B BLUE CLASS		H/B PARTIAL CLASS	
1 Paul Gorski	224	1 John Mealer	280
2 Leonard Buttafucio	126	2 Jim Alderson	210
3 M & D Lastella	112	3 David Niedzialkowski	140
4 Toby Ann Kotner	70	4 Jim Thele	70
4 J & M Mackey	70		
H/B YELLOW CLASS		H/B AOC CLASS	
1 J & B Longer	308	1 Stephen Kwartler	574
2 Charlie Zesch	280	2 M & D Lastella	182
RED BICOLOR CLASS		BL/GR BICOLOR CLASS	
1 Rev Richmond	178	1 David Niedzialkowski	546
2 Ted Lobatto	154	2 Steve Sparrow	112
2 Bob Peterson	154	3 Leonard Buttafucio	56
4 Bob Williams	42	4 Eugene Wiatka	42
AOC BICOLOR		VARIGATED SNAKESKIN	
1 Jim Jirku	234	1 Rich Bader	350
2 B & B Miller	168	2 R & A Albright	308
3 Rev Richmond	112	3 Bob McKim	70
4 Paul Gorski	84	4 John Zelk	56
SOLID SNAKESKIN		GOLD CLASS	
1 Frank Ortea	560	1 Eugene Golimowski	266
2 T & P Allen	154		

STANDINGS, ...

<u>YELLOW CLASS</u>	PTS	<u>BRONZE CLASS</u>	PTS
1 Bill McGovern	406	1 J & V Wilson	364
2 Ray Winkler	98	2 Don Saurers	112
3 Bev Richmond	84	2 Eugene Golimowski	112

<u>ALBINO CLASS</u>	PTS	<u>SWORDTAIL CLASS</u>	PTS
1 Jose Duque	308	1 Don Saurers	318
2 Warren Burke	140	2 J & V Wilson	224
3 Frank Chang	126	3 Frederick Reil	210
3 Eugene Golimowski	126	4 Jim Thale	28

<u>SPRINGER MALE CLASS</u>	PTS	<u>SPRINGER FEMALE CLASS</u>	PTS
1 Joe Smith	630	1 D & R Rush	420
2 Stan Shubel	350	2 Frank Berta	168

<u>RED FEMALE</u>	PTS	<u>BLACK FEMALE</u>	PTS
1 Mark Miarka	128	1 D & R Rush	96
2 S & L Coranda	70	2 Frank Berta	42

<u>BL/GR FEMALE</u>	PTS	<u>GOLD FEMALE</u>	PTS
1 Frank Berta	190	1 Warren Burke	190

<u>H/B ADG FEMALE</u>	PTS	<u>ADG FEMALE</u>	PTS
1 Darrell Johnson	70	1 Arthur Kintz	70
2 Warren Burke	56	2 T & F Allen	56
3 J & M Mackey	42	3 Jim Jirku	42
4 Eugene Golimowski	28	4 Frank Berta	28

<u>L/B RED FEMALE</u>	PTS	<u>GRAND OVERALL FEMALE</u>	PTS
1 Jim McCarty	70	1 D & R Rush	50

<u>GRAND OVERALL MALE</u>	PTS		PTS
1 Stan Shubel	1435	2 Darrell Johnson	45
2 David Wiedmaierowski	630	3 Frank Berta	20
3 Bev Richmond	420	4 Warren Burke	70
4 Eugene Golimowski	350	5 S & L Coranda	70
4 J & B Longer	350	5 Jim McCarty	70
4 Jim Alderson	350	5 Alvin Biss	70
7 Frank Monino	315	5 Arthur Kintz	70
8 S & S Miller	280		
8 Frank Orsca	280		
8 Don Saurers	280		

This is the corrected Standings for those published in the December 1984 bulletin.

BADER'S PLOTTER

by Ann Bader

Three IFGA members, Jamey Magnifico-Ron Yater and Frank Orsca - are in the process of building new/remodeling present fish rooms. Hopefully we'll have some articles in the future on these projects.

Bob Maxwell of Pennsylvania Pet Products, Inc. reports that the response to their previous advertisement for brine shrimp eggs was well received and he would appreciate any feedback the purchasers might have to offer on their product.

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AQUARIUM RACK ACCESSORIES

by John Mackey
Michigan Guppy Breeders

In my previous article, I had shown you how to build an aquarium rack. Now I'll explain how the tanks are set up, attachments you can put on your rack, and how to expand your rack.

Once your rack is assembled, you can paint it any color you want or just leave the wood bare. All tanks are placed end to end, that is, the ends of the tanks face the front and back of the rack. Now that your tanks are placed and filled with water, there are a few items you'll need. Actually, these are basic: a good air pump; a good lighting system; a good filter system, either corner filters or sponge filters and heat. You can either heat your room or use individual heaters in each tank.

Your choice of air pumps can range from the vibrator style, to the piston pump, to the oil-less pumps which range in price from \$35 to \$500. The choice is yours, but whatever you use, have a back-up just in case the original pump conks out. If you use the vibrator pump or piston pump, it is recommended that they be placed above the top row of tanks. The oil-free pumps can be placed at any height providing a back pressure plug is installed. Pumps and air systems are a whole article in themselves.

Most of your filter systems are very easy to maintain. On large multi-tank systems, I don't recommend outside filters, for they take up more space than you have available and are generally more expensive to run. The majority of serious guppy breeders tanks are bare so undergravel filters are definitely out. Corner filters and sponge filters are your best bet. I personally prefer plastic corner filters, the small to medium size for the 54 gal. tanks and the large ones for tanks and on up. I change the filters flow every two weeks or so depending on how dirty the flow is. I don't use charcoal or carbon but instead use marbles. The marbles add weight to the filters keeping them in place. The sponge filters are in my fry tanks and the tanks I use for hatching catfish. I've heard too many breeders complain about the osudals deteriorating on their mature males when placed in a tank with sponge filters, so none of my males are in tanks with sponge filters. There is no adverse effect on the females or fry in such tanks.

When I was living in a trailer, my rack had individual fluorescent lights above each row of tanks. The light fixtures were the single fluorescent type which took a single 24", 20 watt tube. I had one over each of the four sections of tanks and one centered over the 54's. The ones over the tanks were attached to 1 x 2's that were the same length as the rack and rested on the 20" cross supports. I had to build a make-shift support for the one above the 54's. Later on when I was transferred and built a new home, I used a 48" shop light with two fluorescent tubes as the light source, placed two feet out from the tanks, centered and attached to the ceiling. This particular set-up gave me more than enough light and as I expanded, I added as needed.

If you are lucky enough to have a spare room for your tanks, it is easier and cheaper to heat the room than place individual heaters in each tank. The exception would be if you only maintain a few tanks, then tank heaters would be more realistic. On this particular rack, either way would be feasible. If you plan on expanding, then you should look into heating the room. Twenty tanks with heater cords hanging out can be a bit confusing when trying to figure out how many extension cords you'll need but by purchasing two 12 Tap-A-Lines and one 4 or 6 outlet power strip with circuit breakers, you can eliminate extension

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cords completely. By placing the Tap-A-Lines and power strip on the back of the rack, the cords from all levels will reach the Tap-A-Line. The Tap-A-Lines are centered and mounted underneath the back top horizontal board and the power strip to the back middle vertical board. The Tap-A-Lines are in turn plugged into the power strip. You can also plug your lights into the Tap-A-Line and your pump into the power strip. The power strip guards against overloads thus eliminating any overheating of cords and electrical fires. Anytime multiple cord installation occurs, a power strip should be an essential item.

To expand your rack, actually doubling the length, requires a 1 and 3/4" by 1 and 3/4" notch in each end of the six 2 x 4's as shown. The new addition is notched opposite of the original thus creating a locking effect.

You can notch both ends and keep lengthening indefinitely.

One thing I place on the outside of the rack, is cup hooks to hang my nets on. Seems like everytime you need a net, you can never find one. The cup hooks enable you to place as many as you want. Mine are placed on the outside verticle boards, near the top so as not to block or interfere with the tanks. I have one on each verticle board, the advantage is that if I see something in my tank that I want to scoop out, I can reach for a net without taking my eyes off the tank and catch it without losing sight of it.

In my next article, I'll discuss restricted guppy breeding techniques for your aquarium rack.

Editor's Note: This was a misprint in John's article last month on constructing aquarium racks. On Page 15 - paragraph 4 : Once the boards are all lined up, drill 1/2" holes (not 3/4" holes).

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The subject of power outtages came up again at the Lafayette/Indianapolis show this past weekend when we learned that the Shubels were without power for close to four full days. In spite of their losses, Stan and Ethel came to the show with a whole bunch of beautiful males as the show results will bear out. Stan used a kerosene heater to keep his fish room temperature liveable for the fish until the power could be restored.

Congratulations to Bill St. Clair of St. Louis, who in addition to sweeping the novice classes in Indianapolis, also walked off with two additional firsts in the Albino class.

Concerning the recent articles by Bob Fisher, the IFGA did recognize a superwide class in the early seventies and suggested that all clubs hosting shows include this class in their show rules. At the 1972 annual in Milwaukee, the delegates voted to accept Stan Shubel's recommendation that a superwide will have "a 1 to 1 body to caudal ratio, a 3 to 1 ratio on the dorsal and an ideal caudal angle between 70 and 90 degrees. Males with caudals greater than 90 degrees will not be permitted as long as the 1 to 1 ratio is maintained." The superwide competition during 1973 was not as intense as first thought. The information below illustrates this.

CLUB	CLASS (entries)
Chicago	No class
Cleveland	Combined - 5
San Fernando Valley	Combined - 9, Tank - 2
Indianapolis Guppy	Combined - 4, Tank - 2
St. Louis	Combined - 2
Everglades	No class
Orange County California	Combined - 1
N. E. Indiana	Combined - 5
Columbus (Annual)	Combined - 14

This is not meant to be a declaration for or against the superwide but merely a statement of fact. You can, however, readily see that there was not a great deal of participation in this class. For this reason, the class was dropped by the delegates at the Columbus meeting since it was felt the class did not benefit the majority of breeders.

SHOW SCHEDULE 1983

CLUB	SHOW DATE	CLASSES DUE	RESULTS
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31		May
Big Apple Guppy Group	April 13-14		
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5		
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19		
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2		
East Coast Guppy Association	June 13-16		
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30		
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21		
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4	May 3	
Guppy Associates International Chicago	September 7-8	June 7	
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 8	
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Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Group and Maumee Valley Guppy Association			

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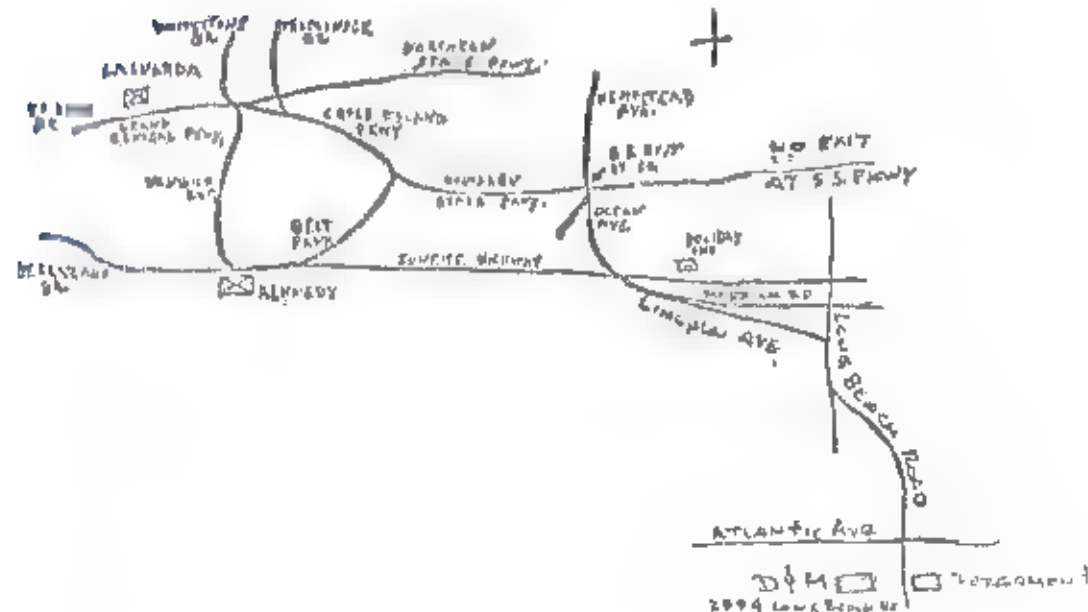
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INDIANAPOLIS CUPPY BREEDERS-CUPPY ASSOC OF LAFAYETTE
March 30-31, 1985 SHOW RESULTS 558 Entries

JUDGES: Tom Allen, Ellen Armitage, Rich Bader, Gans Golimowski, Vi Golimowski,
Sue Hall, Jim Jirku, Ted Lobello, Doris Lastella, Mike Lastella, John Mackay,
Pop Morgan, Frank Ortaca, Don Saurers, Ethel Shubel, Stan Shubel, Ron Yater

ASS'T JUDGES: Bob Albright, Dave Arms, Frank Barts, Darrell Johnson, Bev Richmond,
Jim Thala, John Wilson, Verna Wilson, Ray Winkler

OBSERVERS: Bill St. Clair, John Allen, Guido Ponziani, Al Bico, Harold Armitage,
Frank Mormino, Neal Basmacher, Bob Sled

BEST OF SHOW			
TANK: (H/B Red)	(Blue)	(Green)	(H/B AOC)
Stan Shubel	Darrell Johnson	Rev. Lloyd Groenke	M & D Lastella
MALE: (Red Delta)	(Single Sword)	(H/B AOC Delta)	(Bl/Gr Bl Delta)
Darrell Johnson	Frederick Roll	M & D Lastella	Bev Richmond
FEMALE: (AOC)	(H/B AOC)	(H/B Red)	(Black)
M & M Golimowski	Pop Morgan	Don Saurers	Jim Jirku
BREEDER MALES: (10)			
T & P Allen	M & D Lastella	B & J Orth	M & D Lastella
BREEDER FEMALES: (9)			
J & B Longer	Frank Barts	T & P Allen	Frank Barts

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
RED:	(6)	(19)	(9)
Joe Smith		Darrell Johnson	John O'Brien
Darrell Johnson		James Alderson	Darrell Johnson
Darrell Johnson		Darrell Johnson	John O'Brien
Frank Mormino		Darrell Johnson	James Alderson
BLUE:	(13)	(11)	(5)
Darrell Johnson		M & D Lastella	B & J Orth
M & D Lastella		James Alderson	Ron Yater
Stan Shubel		Joe Smith	Stan Shubel
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella
GREEN:	(15)	(16)	(3)
Rev. Lloyd Groenke		Rev. Lloyd Groenke	Frederick Roll
James Alderson		Rev. Lloyd Groenke	Frank Ortaca
Rev. Lloyd Groenke		Frederick Roll	Rev. Lloyd Groenke
Rev. Lloyd Groenke		Frederick Roll	Rev. Lloyd Groenke
PURPLE:	(12)	(7)	(10)
M & D Lastella		T & P Allen	B & J Orth
B & J Orth		T & P Allen	B & J Orth
T & P Allen		Eugene Golimowski	Peter Tedesco
B & J Orth		Stan Shubel	B & J Orth
BLACK:	(4)	(3)	(2)
D & R Rush		D & R Rush	D & R Rush
D & R Rush		D & R Rush	D & R Rush
D & R Rush		D & R Rush	D & R Rush
D & R Rush		D & R Rush	D & R Rush

I.G.B./G.A.L. RESULTS.....

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
MULTI:	(12)	(13)	(10)
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino
Bev Richmond		J & V Wilson	Frank Mormino
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Bev Richmond
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Bev Richmond
AOC:	(7)	(19)	(3)
Jim Jirku		Thomas Jacobellis	B & J Orth
Thomas Jacobellis		Thomas Jacobellis	Dieq.
Bev Richmond		Bob Williams	Dieq.
Bev Richmond		S & B Miller	
H/B RED:	(12)	(18)	(10)
Stan Shubel		Stan Shubel	James Alderson
Stan Shubel		Stan Shubel	James Alderson
James Alderson		Stan Shubel	Vic Piteo
Stan Shubel		Vic Piteo	Irwin Solomon
H/B BLUE:	(3)	(6)	(1)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Leonard Buttafuoco
G & D Shumard		Bob Peterson	
Leonard Buttafuoco		Bob Peterson	
		M & D Lastella	
H/B YELLOW:	(3)	(5)	(4)
J & B Longer		Bill St. Clair	J & B Longer
J & B Longer		J & B Longer	J & B Longer
J & B Longer		J & B Longer	J & B Longer
		Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair
H/B PASTEL:	(11)	(8)	(9)
Darrell Johnson		T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
Darrell Johnson		M & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
Bev Richmond		T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
T & N Zielinski		T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
H/B AOC:	(7)	(20)	(8)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Steve Kwattier
Steve Kwattier		J & V Wilson	Peter Tedesco
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Peter Tedesco
Jim Jirku		M & D Lastella	Steve Kwattier
RED BI:	(11)	(5)	(6)
Bev Richmond		Bev Richmond	Bev Richmond
Jose Duque		Frank Mormino	T. Lobello & family
Bob Peterson		Bev Richmond	T. Lobello & family
Bev Richmond		Bev Richmond	T. Lobello & family
BL/GR BI:	(1)	(5)	(1)
Leonard Buttafuoco		Bev Richmond	Peter Tedesco
		J & V Wilson	
		Leonard Buttafuoco	
		S & B Miller	

I.G.B./G.A.L. RESULTS.....

AGE BL*	TANK (7)	DELTA (8)	VEIL (10)
Jim Jirku		Ray Richmond	J & V Wilson
Jim Jirku		Jim Jirku	Jim Jirku
Jim Jirku		Bob Williams	J & B Longer
		Jim Jirku	J & B Longer
SOLID SNAKESKIN:	(8)	(21)	(1)
Frank Orteca		Frank Orteca	Frank Orteca
M & M Golimowski		Frank Orteca	
Frank Orteca		J & V Wilson	
Frank Orteca		Frank Orteca	
VARIG. SNAKESKIN:	(9)	(19)	(6)
Frank Barta		R & A Albright	Rich Bader
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	Rich Bader
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	Frank Orteca
J & V Wilson		R & A Albright	B & J Orth
ALRINO:	(9)	(14)	(7)
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	Frank Chang
Jose Duque		Bill St. Clair	Carl Mutter
Bill St. Clair		Carl Mutter	Carl Mutter
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	Carl Mutter

	TANK	COMBINED
GOLD.	(2)	(7)
Disq.		Eugene Golimowski
Disq.		Eugene Golimowski
		Disq.
		Disq.
YELLOW:	(7)	(8)
David Polunas		David Polunas
Ray Winkler		David Polunas
David Polunas		David Polunas
Ray Richmond		Disq.
BRONZE	(9)	(10)
T & P Allen		Eugene Golimowski
J & V Wilson		J & V Wilson
T & P Allen		T & P Allen
B & J Orth		T & P Allen
SINGLE SWORD.	(6)	(8)
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll
J & V Wilson		Don Saurers
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll
Don Saurers		Jim Thale
DOUBLE SWORD	(5)	(7)
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll
J & V Wilson		Frederick Roll
Don Saurers		Don Saurers
Don Saurers		Don Saurers
NOVICE	(1)	(2)
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair
		Bill St. Clair

I.G.B./G.A.L. RESULTS..

	FEMALES	
RED: (3)	BL/GR: (12)	BLACK (6)
S & B Miller	J & V Wilson	Jim Jirku
Eugene Golimowski	Frank Barta	T & P Allen
J & V Wilson	Frank Barta	D & B Bush
	Eugene Golimowski	D & B Bush
AOO: (12)	GOLD: (6)	BRONZE: (6)
M & M Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski	Don Saurers
Frank Barta	Frank Barta	J & V Wilson
Frank Barta	Frederick Roll	T & P Allen
Frank Barta	Frederick Roll	J & V Wilson
W/B RED: (4)	H/B AOO: (14)	NOVICE: (2)
Don Saurers	Milford Morgan	Bill St. Clair
Eugene Golimowski	Milford Morgan	Bill St. Clair
Harold Armitage	Frank Barta	
S & B Miller	G & D Shumard	

LIMERICKS by Members of Guppy Associates
of Cleveland

"The Eve of a Show" from Capt. Frank
As I looked into the tank of young males
I could have sworn, what I saw were White Whales
With bodies so thick
My chops I did lick
But wait! They all had split tails!

"The Young Whipper-snapper" from Guido Ponzinni
There is a young man I like a lot!
Who keeps winning trophies and won't stop.
He walks and he scurry's
And accepts them in fury
His name as we all know is POP.

"Sweet And Sour" from Ima Gold
There is a wise judge from Columbus
Who likes to cause such a big rumbelous
He won't whiter or cower
This man of the hour!
But once I wish he would agree with just some of us.

"The Bambino" from Mama Rosa Ponzinni.
I know it's not getting earlier but later
But please let me finish my steak and my tater!
His face is so young
How did he get so much done!
Don't ask me, ask him, his name is Ron Yeter!

SOME THOUGHTS ON TECHNICAL HELP

by Duane Wilson
Corresponding Member from
Burley, Idaho

I thought that Josh Wilson had some good ideas in his February letter to A. Member. I was particularly interested in his last few paragraphs relative to an Educational Service. As a corresponding member who does not have ready access to club meetings or long time breeders, an Association wide program is particularly appealing to me.

What I envision is a branch of the Association similar to the Swap Shop with several members taking charge of different facets of the program. The service could include such sections as audio-visual, reprints, and club programs. The objective of the service would be to provide information to individuals and clubs as requested. As I see it taking shape, the audio-visual section would develop video and cassette tapes for loan to clubs. The reprint section would catalogue and distribute reprints of articles from past bulletins. The program section would develop a series of programs which clubs could use to spice up meetings.

There are a number of general topics which could be covered through the service. Here are some possible topics:

Health	Color Strains
Rearing/Breeding	Foods
Genetics	Shows
Record Keeping	Judging

I am certain that as a relatively new member of the guppy raising fraternity I have not covered all or anywhere near all of the possible topics. I offer my list as food for thought of the possibilities.

To summarize, I feel that an Educational Service by the Association would be very beneficial. The Service would lend support to both clubs and individual members. I believe that this project would be a worthwhile undertaking. What do you think?

The following is a response to Josh Wilson's article in the April bulletin:

WHAT DO I THINK?

by Verna Wilson
Guppy Associates International
Chicago

In response to Josh Wilson's article, I feel he has missed the point of having new classes and their purpose. When a new class is introduced, it has already been discussed throughout the year at shows and club meetings. Interest has been expressed for that particular class. That doesn't mean everyone has that class at that time. It probably takes a couple of years to work toward that class and for interest to grow. Most show guppies are a result of hard work and much planning for some time. When John and I first started showing fish in the 60's the guppies were quite a bit different from today. Emphasizes change and popular choice of colors change. Also the guppy has to be raised by you to enter shows. You have to give the class enough time to catch on. As far as keeping watch on entry numbers, we all know from experience that there are many reasons why some classes have more entries than others and the reasons change throughout the show season.

For example, if a breeder has been showing heavy in a certain class and has wrapped up the class early, there will be a slow down in entries in that one class.

WHAT DO I THINK?.....

Everyone concentrates on their own goals more heavily toward the end of the season and the classes are filled or not filled by chance, not by whether or not the class is popular. You can't predict the number of entries at any show. It's sort of like gambling in Las Vegas, it's purely chance. You should only be concerned about your fish. People who show guppies on a regular basis are looking more toward goals than an occasional trophy. Trophies are nice but there is more emphasis on developing individual lines with personal characteristics. Maybe a breeder is working on that one line of his own, with hopes of recognition from all breeders knowing him for his own work.

Entries are all judged on individual merits. If there are 35 fish in the competition or 3 - every fish is judged by the same standards. The best fish on the bench gets first, the worst gets put down. There are standards that must be met. Disqualifications are given where they are needed. We all know that - we've all had the DQ in our experiences. If there is that humpbacked, one-eyed fish that gets a place, it's rare and usually a mistake. Judging seminars teach us what standards are necessary to know. Judging helps us to apply those standards. I've been with several judging teams that have disqualified the whole class because the fish were just not up to standard or not in the right class. That one entry that gets the first place still has to compete against every other first place in the Best of Show competition. That is the purpose of that class. I don't think serious breeders think about an "easy win". It doesn't serve much of a purpose in the overall standings at the end of the year. Like I said before, you can't predict a class will only have a single entry.

If the IFGA put the super-wide in a show on equal basis with the delta and veil, it would have to be in every color class. That would increase the number of classes and more time all around. That would really be a burden on the financial situation of every club. Having one class with all colors competing would eventually evolve into one color and eliminate the rest because some fish are genetically better than others. The super-wide would eventually be like say the albino class. They all seem to be red.

The question about the yellow and gold classes are still being debated. The gold class showed more numbers just this last show in Indianapolis. But the same fish won because it is still better. Last year we watched the green class improve. This year the half-black yellow looks better. Experiments go on and fish evolve. That is the whole nature of new classes and let's hope that never changes. If the same fish showed up year after year and nothing changed, it would be a dull boring hobby. It also wouldn't be much fun.

I don't think counting entries helps clubs. The class has to develop and the breeders need a chance to work with them. Otherwise in a very short time we would all have tanks of fish just like those in the IFH article.

CORRECTIONS TO I.C.B./C.A.L. RESULTS

The following was received after the results had been stenciled:
Number of Entries should be 630.

BLUE/GREEN FEMALE CLASS

J & V Wilson
Frank Barta
Frank Barta
M & M Golimowski

B/E BLUE CLASS

M & D Lastella
Bob Peterson
Bob Peterson
Leonard Buttafuoco

by Capt. Frank Orkess
Guppy Associates Greater
Cleveland

Fish room 101 does not stand for a class on fish rooms, but for the amount of fish rooms I have had since moving into my home 7 years ago. It sometimes seems like the room itself has me hooked more than the guppy. I don't know what it is, but since I was a kid everytime I found a book showing a fish room I had to have that book, and I'm not exaggerating. My thinking is, that if this person is writing a book, then he is a top breeder of a certain type of fish. It makes no difference if it's a guppy, betta, angels or discus. There is usually something I can incorporate into my room. The only thing I'm afraid of is that I go overboard when I see a room I really like. I just can't admire it, and leave it at that, I start to visualize it in my home. I see myself in that room feeding my fish, siphoning them, just observing them. When I snap out of this trance, I look around my own room and wonder how I ever raised a fish in it. At that point I am convinced, "I can never raise show fish in this room, it must be changed."

The thing that bothers me the most, is that the changes are getting more drastic every year! The visions are getting worse, I'm starting to go into trances in my bedroom. I see myself lying in bed, the walls surrounding the bed are lined with rows and rows of neatly stacked tanks. The racks are built by a master carpenter, and made out of mahogany, all the fish are of superior quality, none has to be culled. There I lie in bed with a seven foot baster feeding all the fish live brine and never having to move out of bed,

This is the trance that bothers me the most. If my wife finds out about it she may put me in a place where I truly will be a Guppy Nut!

But let me get back to how my addiction started. The first room I had was 10 years ago. I had just gotten married and moved into a 2 bedroom apartment. The 2nd bedroom became my fish room and to this day it was one of the nicest rooms I've ever had. I only had 26 tanks, but that was more than enough for my own strain of rods, which I was breeding at that time. The room had a window in it, and you can imagine how great those red guppies looked with the sun reflecting off them. It was great to be watching T.V. and when a commercial would come on, just walk into the other room and feed my fish. But like everything else in my life, I was not satisfied, I wanted more. Remember 10 years ago things were quite a bit different. We had not felt the squeeze by the utility company. That was still the day of the gigantic fish rooms. Many members in C.A.G.C. devoted their entire basements to guppy tanks. They didn't worry about insulating their rooms, gas was cheap, just run a few heat ducts into the fish room and keep the furnace blowing! In our club at that time it was a status symbol to have many tanks. At one meeting a questionaire was passed out. "How many strains do you keep?" "How many tanks are you running?" "How many total gallons of water do they hold?"

That was the last straw! I was setting up more tanks! I cringed that poor little room with racks that didn't fit and tanks of all shapes and sizes. Eventually it got to the point that if two people were in that sweat box at the same time, they could not see each other. It was at that point I decided - I hate my room. I needed to expand. We bought a house.

It was our first home. I remember when we were looking at homes, how my wife would look at the whole house. How stupid I thought, only the basement (my future fish room) counts. Finally I found a basement I could feel comfortable in. It had, and I repeat - had beautiful knotty pine paneling in it. The floor was tiled the ceiling finished. I figured it would take me a good solid weekend to set up my dream room! At this point I'd like to tell you that in my mind anything can be

done in a weekend, I still haven't learned yet! This particular weekend dragged into a year! At that time I was on a concrete block kick. I think this obsession stemmed back to when I was a child playing with building blocks. Now I could do the same thing only with concrete blocks. The man at the brickyard would only stand there and scratch his head as I would pull out of his lot in a new, black Cadillac, the truck loaded down with blocks! I would make several trips a day, like I always say "You can never have too many concrete blocks."

I think the neighbors thought I was building a tomb in my basement! After what seemed like months of piling blocks down my basement I started to create my fish room. I was so proud of the many different ways I found to stack those blocks. I still to this day don't know how I didn't get killed in a massive cave in. I was more concerned about looks than sturdiness. Now don't get my wrong - blocks and 2X4's are great for a stable minded person, but for a person like me it was the worst thing. Everytime I saw something new I would come home - start draining tanks and rearranging blocks and 2X4's. Just look at the past Show Results from those years. I would win here and there but never consistently. Believe me I was too busy moving blocks then feeding fish!

After about 60 or 70 different rooms of this sort, I settled into one I honestly felt comfortable with. I even finished 2nd in the Snakekin class that year! It was at that point that Dave Arms suggested I get a pump to pump air to all my tanks instead of individual pumps for each rack. That made sense - "Would it be hard to hook up?" I innocently asked. "Now, it'll be a snap," replied "Doc" Arms. All I needed was about 2003 hundred dollars worth of plastic plumbing pipe and a hundred or so dollars for a good used pump and I would be all set! My room that I had been satisfied with started to take on the look of a boiler room. There was plastic pipe everywhere. Dave decided to house the pump in a closet in the fish room, but to do this it would be necessary to drill a hole the size of a silver dollar in the knotty pine closet. No problem - just do it!

Finally the plastic pipe was hung, all the valves were in the pipe, all air lines tubing attached. This was the moment we were waiting for. It was time to plug in the pump. I had purchased a 1/2 horse power condo pump. When I plugged that baby in - it sounded like the Texas chain saw massacre was loose in my fish room! "HEY DAVE," I yelled "WILL IT ALWAYS BE THIS LOUD?" - "WHAT?" he yelled back. At that point I knew I was in trouble.

The best times though came when I would be having dinner with my wife. She would complain about that constant droning sound coming from the basement. I'd look at her like she was crazy, no way could you hear any sound up here! Let me tell you something - that pump was actually vibrating my whole house. If you stood outside and looked at my house it actually looked like a scene out of the movie "Poltergeist" - the whole house was actually moving.

Thank God, the energy crunch came. I used that as an excuse to unhook that monster! Unfortunately it was also at that time I found it impossible to heat my fish room for less than \$400 a month. That's when I learned about insulation. All the tanks - and there were 80 of them - came down. Insulation went up over all the walls. I used any nails I could find and just whacked them into that once beautiful knotty pine. After the insulation went up I decided I did not want concrete blocks any more. I had seen a fish room with just 2X4's bolted together and that's what I wanted. Now carrying concrete blocks down the basement is hard enough but carrying them up the steps is even harder, especially when you're 5 years older and you're trying to carry them all out in one day. And naturally that day

is a cold, windy, rainy, day! It was at this time I acquired the help of a friend who is a carpenter. He built me new racks. They came out beautiful - everyone admired them. I had 3 racks. One rack was 2 tiers - each tier held twelve 10 gallon tanks. The other rack was 3 tiers - each tier held six 22 gallon tanks, two 10 gallon tanks and my brine shrimp hatchery. The third rack held 5 gallon and 2 gallon tanks for breeders and isolated males. Each tank was individually heated with it's own heater (all brand new). Each rack had 6-8 tap-a-lines so I could plug all those heaters in. A lot of work and expense, but when it was done it was well worth it. Everyone loved the room, including the fish. I raised the best guppies of my life in that room. Everything was going great, until one Sunday evening, I had just returned from the South Jersey Show. Rich Serva was with me. I was busy unpacking my show fish while Rich walked from tank to tank observing my fish. He came up to one of the 22 gallon tanks and stopped dead in his tracks. "Frank, you better come and look at this!" he sounded really concerned. As I approached the tank I couldn't believe my eyes. A tank of $\frac{1}{2}$ month old show fish, the cream of the crop, all floating upside down. The relatively brand new heater had gone haywire - the tank was over 100 degrees. More than the loss of time and work I had in those fish, more than the loss of a trophy or two, on the acquiring of points that those fish would have given me. At that point those things did not matter, I honestly and truly felt terrible for those fish - what a terrible way to die. Instead of sitting on the show bench in first place, they were floating dead in a tank right in the prime age. I felt a rage going thru me, until it flashed right thru my mind - "This is it - the heaters MUST go!"

To be continued - Next month - "The Final Frontier!"

GATEWAY GUPPY ASSOCIATES
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS
7 POINT SHOW

JUNE 29-30, 1985

HOLIDAY INN
No. 1-35 & Butler Hill Rd.
Nashville, MO 63129

SCHEDULE: Saturday, June 29
9:00 A.M. Entries Open
4:30 P.M. Entries Close
5:30 P.M. Judging Begins

Hospitality Room open
following Judging. Awards

Sunday, June 30
9:00 - 11:30 A.M. Public Viewing
10:30 - Noon Prize Drawings
12:00 Noon Seminar
2:30 P.M. Auction
1:00 P.M. Debating

GENERAL RULES:

1. All entries must be registered by 4:30 P.M. sharp on Saturday, June 29, 1985. No exceptions can be made.
2. Judging will begin at 5:30 P.M. Saturday, June 29, 1985 and will be according to IFGA standards.
3. Observers to the judging must register prior to 1:30 P.M., Saturday, June 29, 1985. Number of observers may be limited.
4. Exhibitors will determine the class in which their entries will compete, however, assistance in classification will be available at the time of registration.
5. All entries improperly classified will be disqualified and will not be judged.

G.C.A. RULES ...

GENERAL RULES (cont.)

6. Every precaution will be taken against loss of fish, but GCA cannot assume responsibility for loss or hazard.
7. No gravel, greens or decorations may be used.
8. All entries must have been born and raised in the exhibitor's tanks.
9. Lighting will be overhead incandescent. Background will be black.
10. All tanks and bowls needed will be provided by GCA.
11. All entry fees must be prepaid.
12. Exhibitors should indicate on entry forms if they want their fish auctioned. Fifty percent of the auction proceeds will be retained by GCA.
13. Fish will not be removed until 1:00 P.M., Sunday, by a GCA member to exhibitor.

79 CLASSES

<u>TANK</u>	<u>DELTA</u>	<u>VEIL</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Red	Red	Red	Red
Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue/Green
Green	Green	Green	Black
Black	Multi	Multi	AOC
Multi	Purple	Purple	H/B AOC
Purple	AOC	AOC	H/B Red
AOC	H/B Red	H/B Red	Gold
H/B Red	H/B Blue	H/B Blue	Bronze
H/B Blue	H/B Pastel	H/B Pastel	Albino
H/B Pastel	H/B AOC	H/B AOC	Novice
H/B Yellow	Red B1	Red B1	
H/B AOC	Bl/Gr B1	Bl/Gr B1	<u>COMBINED</u>
Red B1	AOC B1	AOC B1	H/B Yellow
Bl/Gr B1	Snakeskin Solid	Snakeskin Solid	Yellow
AOC B1	Snakeskin Var.	Snakeskin Var.	Gold
Snakeskin Solid	Albino	Albino	Black
Snakeskin Var.	Bronze	Bronze	Novice
Yellow			
Gold	<u>BREEDER MALES</u>		<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
Albino			Single Sword
Bronze	<u>BREEDER FEMALES</u>		Double Sword
Single Sword			
Double Sword	<u>ST. LOUIS SPECIAL</u>		<u>OPEN</u>
Novice	10 Matched Males		Any other tail shape

AWARDS

Singles and Tanks - First: Trophies and Award Cards
Second, third, fourth - Award Cards

Best of Show, Breeders and St. Louis Special -
First: Trophies and Award Cards
Second, third, fourth: Award Cards and Rosettes

ENTRIES:

Single Entries - Single male or female shown in $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon drum bowl, $\frac{3}{4}$ filled with water. One female may be added to the male entry, but only the male will be judged. \$1.50.

Tank Entries - Two matched males shown in one gallon tank. One female may be added, but will not be judged. \$2.50.

Breeder Males - Five matched males shown in 5 gallon tanks. Two females may be added, but will not be judged. All entries to be judged as one class. \$3.50.

Breeder Females - Three matched females shown in $1\frac{1}{2}$ gallon tanks. \$3.50

G.C.A. RULES, ...

ENTRIES (cont.)

Novice Class - Open to anyone that has not won a first place in IFGA competition.
\$1.50.

St. Louis Special - Ten matched males shown in 3 gallon tanks. Entries to be judged as one class. \$5.00.

SHIPPED IN ENTRIES:

1. All shipped in entries must be prepaid and include correct return fare. No collect shipments will be accepted. Fish without return fare will be auctioned.
2. Shipped in entries must be received by 12:00 NOON, Friday, June 28, 1985.
3. Air Mail shipments are split into two groups for receiving.

Last names beginning with A - L send to:

Everett Gold, 9460 Harold Drive, Woodson Terrace, MO 63134
Phone: 314-428-2661

Last names beginning with M - Z send to:

Bill St. Clair, 8904 Peace Drive, Berkeley, MO 63134
Phone: 314-623-1469

A. Ground Air Freight to:

Everett Gold, 9460 Harold Drive, Woodson Terrace, MO 63134
Phone: 314-428-2661

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MAP OF ST. LOUIS AREA

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Ducier Hill

I.F.G.A. POINTE STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 1, 1985

<u>CLASS-RED</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>CLASS-AOC</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1 John O'Brien	512	1 Bev Richmond	192
2 Darrell Johnson	192	2 S & B Miller	150
3 Joe Smith	196	3 Thomas Jacobellis	131
4 Stan Shubel	140	4 Jim Jirko	210
<u>BLUE CLASS</u>		<u>H/B RED CLASS</u>	
1 Jim Alderson	164	1 Stan Shubel	834
2 M & D Lastella	294	2 Irwin Solomon	238
3 Joe Smith	266	3 Vic Pisco	224
4 Darrell Johnson	140	4 Jim Alderson	210
<u>GREEN CLASS</u>		<u>H/B BLUE CLASS</u>	
Rev. Lloyd Groenke	756	1 M & D Lastella	322
2 Frederick Roll	322	2 Leonard Buttafucchi	308
3 M & D Lastella	140	3 Pat. Gorkhi	224
4 Jim Alderson	112	4 G & J. Shumaru	112
<u>PURPLE CLASS</u>		<u>H/B PASTEL CLASS</u>	
1 Stan Shubel	322	1 T & N Zialinski	448
1 B & J Orth	322	2 John Manlar	260
3 T & P Allen	294	3 Darrell Johnson	252
4 M & D Lastella	252	4 Jim Alderson	210
<u>BLACK CLASS</u>		<u>H/B YELLOW CLASS</u>	
1 D & R Rush	1320	1 J & B Longar	908
2 Reginald Day	128	2 Charlie Zesch	280
3 B & J Orth	98	3 Bill St. Clair	126
4 Ed Regan	56	4 " "	-
<u>MULTI CLASS</u>		<u>H/B AOC CLASS</u>	
1 Frank Magmino	686	1 Steve Kuntler	784
2 Bev Richmond	476	2 M & D Lastella	546
3 J & B Longar	126	3 Peter Tedesco	98
4 S & B Miller	76	4 Jim Jirko	56
		4 J & V Wilson	5
<u>RED BIRDIE CLASS</u>		<u>GOLD CLASS</u>	
1 Bev Richmond	784	1 Eugene Galimowsky	192
2 Ted Louello	280	2 " "	-
3 Bob Peterson	218		
4 Jose Duque	140		
<u>W/GR BIRDIE CLASS</u>		<u>ALBINO CLASS</u>	
1 David Niekirkowski	546	1 Bill St. Clair	474
2 Leonard Buttafucchi	238	2 Jose Duque	42
3 Steve Sparrow	122	3 Carl Hutter	76
4 Peter Tedesco	70	3 Frank Chang	196
4 Bev Richmond	76		
<u>AOC BIRDIE CLASS</u>		<u>BRONZE CLASS</u>	
1 Jim Jirko	714	1 J & V Wilson	532
2 Bev Richmond	182	2 T & P Allen	294
3 S & B Miller	68	3 Eugene Galimowsky	182
4 J & B Longar	126	4 Don Sagers	112

STANDINGS...

SNAKE SKIN CLASS

	PTS
1 Frank Orteca	1064
2 T & P Allen	154
3 M & M Golimowski	112
4 J & V Wilson	42

VARIGATED SNAKE SKIN CLASS

1 R & A Albright	700
2 Rich Badler	476
3 Frank Barta	140
4 Bob McKim	70

RED FEMALE

1 Mark Miarka	126
2 S & L Coranda	70
2 S & B Miller	70
4 Eugene Golimowski	36

BLACK FEMALE

1 D & R Bush	224
2 Jim Jirku	70
3 T & P Allen	56
4 Frank Barta	42

AOC FEMALE

1 Frank Barta	154
2 M & M Golimowski	70
2 Arthur Hintz	70
4 T & P Allen	56

BRONZE FEMALE

1 J & V Wilson	84
2 Don Sauers	70
3 T & P Allen	42
4 --	-

BREEDER MALE

1 Jim Jirku	630
2 M & D Lastella	420
3 Stan Shubel	350
3 T & P Allen	350

FEMALE GRAND OVERALL

1 D & R Bush	350
2 Darrell Johnson	245
2 Don Sauers	245
2 M & M Golimowski	245
5 Frank Barta	210
5 J & B Longer	210
5 Milford Morgan	210
8 Warren Burke	175
9 Jim Jirku	140
10 S & L Coranda	70
10 Jim McCarty	70
10 Alan Bins	70
10 Arthur Hintz	70
10 J & V Wilson	70
10 S & B Miller	70

SNAKE SKIN CLASS

	PTS
1 Don Sauers	840
2 Frederick Roll	812
3 J & V Wilson	448
4 Jim Thale	56

YELLOW CLASS

1 Bill McGovern	406
2 David Polunas	392
3 Ray Winkler	366
4 Bev Richmond	140

BL/GR FEMALE

1 Frank Barta	294
2 J & V Wilson	70
3 M & M Golimowski	28
4 --	--

GOLD FEMALE

1 Warren Burke	196
2 Eugene Golimowski	70
2 Frederick Roll	70
4 Frank Barta	56

H/B RED FEMALE

1 Jim McCarty	70
1 Don Sauers	70
3 Eugene Golimowski	56
4 Harold Armitage	42

H/B AOC FEMALE

1 Milford "Pop" Morgan	126
2 Darrell Johnson	70
3 Warren Burke	56
4 J & M Mackey	42
4 Frank Barta	42

BREEDER FEMALE

1 D & R Bush	42
2 Frank Barta	420
3 J & B Longer	210
4 T & P Allen	210

MALE GRAND OVERALL

1 Stan Shubel	1595
2 M & D Lastella	945
3 Bev Richmond	910
4 Darrell Johnson	805
5 Frederick Roll	770
6 David Niedzialkowski	630
6 Rev. Lloyd Groenke	630
6 T & P Allen	630
9 Frank Mormino	595
10 J & B Longer	510
10 Frank Orteca	510

FEMALE (cont.)

10. Eugene Golimowski	30
15. 10. Bill St. Clair	70

STANDINGS...

Please note: The preceding standings do not include the points accumulated at the Big Apple Show.

BIG APPLE GUPPY GROUP

April 13-14, 1985

SHOW RESULTS

Entries 494

JUDGES: Tom Allen, Everett Gold, Genn Golimowski, Vi Golimowski, Paul Gorski, Barbara Hirth, Dennis Hirth, Boris Lastella, Mike Lastella, Ted Lobello, John Mackey, Frank Orteca, Vic Piro, Dave Polunas

ABST JUDGES: Pat Allen, Dave Arms, Frank Barta, Paul Blood, Jamey Magnifico, Bill Schoenbauer, Rich Sarva

OBSERVERS: Gloria O'Brien, Peter Tadesco, Nestor Anselmi, Dave Niedzialkowski, John Rizzo, Paul Evans, Jerry Williams, Bill St. Clair, Bob Fisher, Marta Anselmi, Josh Wilson, Steve Kwartler, Elvin Cooney, Carl Addicks

BEST OF SHOW

TANK: (H/B AOC)	(Purple)	(Blue)	(Bronze)
M & D Lastella	Ken Klimpel	M & D Lastella	T & P Allen

MALE: (Black Delta)	(Blue Delta)	(H/B Yellow)	(Purple Delta)
E & W Cooney	M & D Lastella	Bill St. Clair	M & D Lastella

FEMALE: (AOC)	(H/B AOC)	(Novice)	(Black)
M & M Golimowski	Nestor Anselmi	Lillian Sullivan	Ted Manning

BREEDER MALE: (3)		
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	T & P Allen

BREEDER FEMALE: (6)			
Frank Barta	Ted Manning	Frank Barta	Frank Barta

RED:	TANK (4)	DELTA (20)	VEIL (13)
Paul Gorski		Alexander Acovado	Frank Mormino
Paul Gorski		Alexander Acovado	John O'Brien
John O'Brien		Paul Gorski	John O'Brien
John O'Brien		Paul Gorski	John O'Brien

BLUE:	(5)	(9)	(2)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella
M & D Lastella		Ted Manning	Josh Wilson
Josh Wilson		M & D Lastella	
T & P Allen		Frank Barta	

GREEN:	(11)	(9)	(4)
Rev. Lloyd Groenke		M & D Lastella	Frederick Roll
Rev. Lloyd Groenke		M & D Lastella	P
M & D Lastella		Rev. Lloyd Groenke	Disq.
M & D Lastella		Rev. Lloyd Groenke	Disq.

B.A.G.C. RESULTS...

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
	(6)	(8)	(2)
PURPLE:			
Ken Klimpel		M & D Lastella	Disq.
M & D Lastella		T & P Allen	Disq.
T & P Allen		M & D Lastella	
Eugene Golimowski		T & P Allen	
BLACK:	(5)	(16)	(4)
D & R Rush		E & W Cooney	Disq.
D & R Rush		E & W Cooney	Disq.
Ted Henning		E & W Cooney	Disq.
D & R Rush		D & R Rush	Disq.
MULTI:	(8)	(19)	(6)
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino
Rev Richmond		Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino
Rev Richmond		Arthur Hintz	Rev Richmond
YELLOW	(7)	(7)	(5)
Bill McGovern		David Polunas	Bill McGovern
E & W Cooney		David Polunas	David Polunas
Bill McGovern		David Polunas	David Polunas
David Polunas		Disq.	David Polunas
H/B RED:	(3)	(18)	(7)
Vic Piteo		Vic Piteo	Vic Piteo
Vic Piteo		Bill St. Clair	Vic Piteo
Irwin Solomon		Josh Wilson	Vic Piteo
Vic Piteo		Bob Fisher	Vic Piteo
H/B PASTEL:	(6)	(6)	(4)
T & N Zielinski		T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
T & N Zielinski		T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
T & N Zielinski		T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
T & N Zielinski		T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski
H/B BLUE:	(4)	(9)	(4)
M & D Lastella		D & D Oryl	Peter Tedesco
M & D Lastella		Bob Peterson	Leonard Buttafuoco
Leonard Buttafuoco		D & D Oryl	Peter Tedesco
Bob Peterson		Bob Peterson	Disq.
H/B AOC:	(7)	(10)	(10)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Stephan Kwartler
M & D Lastella		Josh Wilson	Peter Tedesco
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Stephan Kwartler
Stephan Kwartler		M & D Lastella	Peter Tedesco
BL/GR BIs:	(4)	(11)	(6)
David Niedzialkowski		David Niedzialkowski	Peter Tedesco
David Niedzialkowski		David Niedzialkowski	Leonard Buttafuoco
David Niedzialkowski		David Niedzialkowski	Bill St. Clair
Leonard Buttafuoco		Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair

B.A.G.C. RESULTS.....

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
	(5)	(8)	(5)
AOC BIs:			
Jim Jirku		Rev Richmond	Yezid Gutierrez
Yezid Gutierrez		E & W Cooney	David Polunas
Jim Jirku		Jim Jirku	Jim Jirku
Frank Barta		Ken Klimpel	Eugene Golimowski
RED BIs:	(7)	(12)	(5)
Frank Mormino		Rev Richmond	Rev Richmond
Ken Klimpel		Rev Richmond	Ted Lobello
Rev Richmond		Ted Lobello	Ted Lobello
Rev Richmond		Ted Lobello	Ted Lobello
AOC:	(1)	(3)	(0)
Disq.		E & B Miller	
Disq.		Disq.	
SNAKESKIN VARIO:	(3)	(5)	(6)
Frank Barta		J & J Magnifico	Frank Barta
Frank Barta		J & J Magnifico	Frank Barta
Disq.		Jim Sheffner	Ted Lobello
Disq.		Disq.	Ted Lobello
SNAKESKIN SOLID:	(8)	(10)	(3)
T & P Allen		Paul Gorski	Frank Ortaca
Frank Ortaca		Paul Gorski	Frank Ortaca
M & M Golimowski		M & M Golimowski	Frank Ortaca
Paul Gorski		T & P Allen	
	TANK	COMBINED	
	(2)	(4)	
BRONZE:			
T & P Allen		Eugene Golimowski	
T & P Allen		T & P Allen	
		T & P Allen	
		J & J Magnifico	
GRAD:	(3)	(6)	
Eugene Golimowski		Disq.	
Disq.		Disq.	
Disq.		Disq.	
ALBINO:	(10)	(14)	
Bill St. Clair		Carl Hutter	
Eugene Golimowski		Bill St. Clair	
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	
H/B YELLOW:	(1)	(6)	
Bob Fisher		Bill St. Clair	
		Bill St. Clair	
		Bill St. Clair	
		Josh Wilson	
SWORDTAIL:	(3)	(7)	
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll	
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll	
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll	

COMBINED		
1/PINK BODIES: (1)	ANY OTHER SHAPES: (4)	NOVICE: (5)
Stephen Kwartler	Nestor Anselmi	Alexander Acevedo
	Warren Burke	Lillian Sullivan
	Ken Klimpel	Alexander Acevedo
	Sub Fisher	Carl Muttter
FEMALES		
RED: (3)	BL/GB: (15)	BLACK: (4)
Paul Jacobs	Harold Bryant	Ted Henning
E & B Miller	Harold Bryant	J & J Hardoun
Disq.	Harold Bryant	J & J Hardoun
Disq.	Harold Bryant	T & P Allen
H/B RED: (2)	H/B AOC: (17)	AOC: (11)
Eugene Golimowski	Nestor Anselmi	M & M Golimowski
Stephen Kwartler	Warren Burke	Bob Fisher
	Warren Burke	M & M Golimowski
	Warren Burke	M & M Gooney
GOLD: (9)	NOVICE: (5)	
J & J Bardoun	Lillian Sullivan	
Bill McGovern	Nestor Anselmi	
Eugene Golimowski	Nestor Anselmi	
Frederick Roll	Nestor Anselmi	

HEREDITY AND BREEDING

Part 1

by Josh Wilson

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Scattered throughout several previous bulletins of past years are articles touching on genetics some of which use varied descriptive terms and processes, it is the intent of the author to explain and use universal generic references that are modern and scientifically accepted. Most other articles disclaim any attempt to teach genetics, only to use genetic laws to explain controlled guppy breeding. However, if someone needs a brief course in genetics and heredity, let it begin here. I should like to review the field of genetics with you and expand on the more complicated theories with each article because this bulletin should be both for the novice and the advanced breeder. We will begin with examples using different color crosses and other universally accepted experiments which furnish proof of the principles involved in heredity. The simplest examples are usually the best remembered and once we understand the basics we will start applying it to fish breeding. For my initial premise, I shall assume that some one out there in our hobby lacks the same background knowledge in genetics as I did last summer. Then I asked a friend for some information on genetics and later conceived the idea of this series. Since then, I have come across some excellent articles on guppy genetics that are well written and informative; these will be included in the first volume of "IFGA Extracts" as well as expanded versions of this series.

The key to maintaining and improving good strains of guppies or any life form in genetics. And any discussion of genetics would be incomplete without a word about the father of that branch of science. Gregor Mendel 1822. Not only was he the first to apply mathematics in examining biology, but he isolated his work from any outside influences; he used an exacting scientific approach. Working with thirty two different types of the garden pea plant, he tested for pure strains and

found some with yellow or green seeds, smooth or wrinkled seeds, red or white flowers, inflated or constricted pod form, green or yellow pod color, and tall or dwarf stem length. Using these various different pure strains TRATES he crossed them and found for example that ALL the flowers from plants produced by a cross of red flower plants and white flower plants were RED F-1: no white or pink or any other color. These resultant traits and all such expressed traits Mendel called DOMINANT (Dominance is applied to one member of an allelic gene pair that has the ability to manifest and show its trait at the exclusion of the expression of the other allele of the gene pair). What happened to the white flower trait; was it destroyed or lost? No it was still there but not expressed, it could not be seen; Mendel, therefore, called such traits RECESSIVE (Recessive is applied to one member of an allelic gene pair that lacks the ability to manifest or show its trait when the other or dominant member is present). When a female of the F-1 generation was pollinated with a brother of that same F-1 generation it produced a F-2 generation. The traits that disappeared in the F-1 generation reappeared in the F-2 generation. If you analyze the results in the following table, as Mendel did, you will notice that the dominant and recessive traits appear in the F-2 generation in ratios of about 3:1.

F-1 Original Crosses			F-2 Generation		
Trait	Dominant	Recessive	Dominant	Recessive	Total
Seed form	Round (R)	x Wrinkled (r)	5,474	1,850	7,324
Seed color	Yellow (Y)	x Green (y)	6,022	2,001	8,023
Flower color	Red (W)	x White (w)	705	207	912
Pod form	Inflated (I)	x Constricted (i)	862	299	1,161
Pod color	Green	x Yellow	428	132	560
Stem length	Tall	x Dwarf	787	277	1,064

How do these recessive traits disappear so completely and then reappear again, and always in such constant proportions? Mendel's greatest contribution was his answer that the constant proportions could only be explained if hereditary characteristics are determined by discrete (separable) genes. These genes Mendel saw must occur in the offspring as pairs, from factors inherited from each parent. These gene pairs separate again when the mature offspring produces its own sex cells, resulting in two kinds of gametes (sex cells), with one gene of the pair in each. Before separating each pair can have one male dominant gene (W) and one male recessive gene (w) = (Ww), or two male dominant (WW) or two male recessive (ww) genes, as for the female. This hypothesis is known as Mendel's first law, or the PRINCIPLE OF SEGREGATION.

The two genes in a pair might be the same and in a self-pollinating plant would breed TRUE. When the genes of a gene pair are identical (WW) or (ww), the plant or animal is said to be HOMOZYGOUS for that particular trait. An individual that is Homozygous for any particular trait is known as PURE BRED and will breed true when crossed with each other. On the other hand, if the gene pair is different (Ww) they are known as ALLELES and are said to be HETEROZYGOUS for that trait (a hetero-pair). An individual that is Heterozygous for any particular trait is called a HYBRID and it will not breed true for that particular trait.

One gene may be dominant over another gene and the off-spring would appear as if it had only one type of gene, this outward appearance is known as it a PHENOTYPE. However, in its genetic makeup called GENOTYPE, each gene (dominant W and recessive w) are still existing as independent discrete units that will separate again when gametes (sex cells) are formed.

HEREDITY AND BREEDING,....

DISCUSSION

A pea plant homozygous for red flowers is represented as (WW) in genetic shorthand. The capital (W) indicates it is dominant, the lowercase (w) indicates it is recessive. A (Ww) plant can produce male or female sex cells with only a red flower producing (W) gene (one half of a Ww genotype). A white pea plant (ww) can produce sex cells with only a white flower producing (w) gene. When a (w) male cell fertilizes a (W) egg cell, the result is a F-1 (Ww) pea plant, which since the (W) gene is dominant can only produce red flowers. This F-1 generation plant can produce egg or sperm cells (gametes) with either a (W) or (w) gene. And if it self-pollinates, four possible crosses can occur: (Ww) x (Ww)

- Male (W) x female (W) = red flowering plant (WW)
- Male (W) x female (w) = red flowering plant (Ww)
- Male (w) x female (W) = red flowering plant (Ww)
- Male (w) x female (w) = white flowering plant (ww)

How can we diagram this procedure into a simple working example? A square or checker board type arrangement will suffice for just a few or many complex independent gene combinations. A Punnett square, as it is called, is made by listing the hereditary genes that could be present in each parent's gamete. As you can see below the male gametes (sperm or pollen) are listed along one edge of the square, and the female gametes (egg) are listed along the other edge. The boxes are then filled in with all the gamete combinations that could occur in the offspring. The use of a Punnett square for the determination of possible genotypes (genetic makeup) is done below for the cross pollination of a red (WW) plant with a white (ww) plant which resulted in all offspring plants (Ww) producing only red flowers because of the dominant (W) of the genotype in 100% of the offspring.

Parents (P)	White (ww)	x	Red flowering pea plant (WW)
	Male gametes (RED)		
Female gametes (white)	w	W	Ww
	w	W	Ww
	w	w	ww
	w	w	ww
	F-1 Generation		
	All are Ww genotype		
	and Red phenotype		

Figure #1

Another square is used for the determination of possible genotypes produced by in-breeding the F-1 generation with itself (brother x sister) (Ww x Ww) who both produced only red flowers. Note that we are dealing with only independent dominant and independent recessive traits, they do not merge, dilute or change the trait as in this example the color. It can only be either red or white; it can not form a plant that will produce a pink flower or a red flower with a white border; these type changes will be covered in later articles.

Parents (F-1)	Red (Ww)	x	Red (Ww)
	Male gametes (Red) and (Brother)		
Female gametes W (Red) & (Sister)	W	W	WW
	W	w	Ww
	w	W	Ww
	w	w	ww
	F-2 Generation		
	genotype		
	1 = WW		
	2 = Ww		
	1 = ww		
	Ratio: 1 2 1		
	phenotype		
	1 Red		
	2 Red		
	1 White		
	Ratio: 3:1		

Figure #2

HEREDITY AND BREEDING,...

Note the ratio phenotype (outward appearance) of 3 red flowering plants to 1 white flowering plant. Within this same 3:1 phenotype ratio, however note the genotype ratio of 1:2:1 ---:

- 25% One part Homozygous red -- (WW) (pure strain will breed 100% true)
- 50% Two parts Heterozygous red -- (Ww) (Hybrid with recessive gene)
- 25% One part Homozygous white -- (ww) (pure strain will breed 100% true)

Testing the hypothesis: THE TESTCROSS

In devising a test for his hypothesis, Mendel established a pattern of testing that has been used often ever since. It is called a TESTCROSS, and is performed by mating two individuals. One of these is a known homozygous recessive genotype such as (ww), the other's genotype for color is unknown. It may be either heterozygous such as (Ww) or homozygous (WW) but it is not apparent from the physical characteristics of the phenotype (example - it is a red flowering plant). In the example found in figure #3 the cross would be (Ww) x (ww). Can you now predict the ratio between the white and red flowering plants resulting from such a cross?

Parents = Homozygous male and unknown female

Female unknown genotype	Homozygous male		Genotype ratio =
	W	w	
	W	w	
	W	w	
	Red	Red	Phenotype ratio 1:1
	White	White	

Figure #3

All possibilities are equally likely according to the Punnett Square. Therefore, half of the plants resulting from such a cross are expected to have a genotype of (Ww), and would produce red flowers. The other half of the plants are expected to have a genotype of (ww), and would produce white flowers. Thus, crossing a heterozygous with a homozygous recessive individual produces BOTH a genotype and a phenotype RATIO of 1:1 -- 50%.

If on the other hand, however, suppose the unknown had been homozygous dominant (WW)? Using a Punnett square again we would find all genotypes produced by such a cross to be (Ww) (see Figure #2) and would all produce red flowers -- 100%.

Let's clarify the importance of using a homozygous (ww) recessive in the testcross. If you tried to use the dominant (WW) genotype with any unknown: either (Ww) or (ww) or (WW); the results produced would be the same phenotype red flower producing plant in all cases. There would be no difference in the resulting percentages because the dominant gene (WW) masked your test sample; on the other hand the recessive gene allows a 50% or a 100% test result indicating the exact genotype used in the test sample.

This section should be understood before attempting to read next month's article Part II which will cover dual traits and probability assumptions.

GUPPY ASSOCIATES OF MILWAUKEE
 IFGA SANCTIONED 7 POINT SHOW
 July 20-21, 1985

Location: Echo Bowl, 5400 N. Fort Washington Rd., Glendale, Wisconsin

SCHEDULE: Saturday, July 20, 1985 Sunday, July 21, 1985
 9:00 A.M. Entries Open 10:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon Open to Public
 12:00 Noon Judging Seminar and Silent Auction
 4:00 P.M. Entries Close 12:00 Noon Auction Closes
 6:00 P.M. Judging 1:00 P.M. Awards
 1:30 P.M. Debanching

RULES COVERING THIS 77 CLASS SHOW:

1. All entries must be registered by 4:00 P.M. Saturday.
2. Fish will be judged visually in accordance with IFGA rules. Uniform black background will be used throughout.
3. Exhibitors to determine the class in which their entries will compete. Appearance in classification will be available at the time of registration.
4. All entries improperly entered will be disqualified and will not be judged.
5. Every precaution will be taken against loss or hazard of any kind, but neither GAM nor the Echo Bowl can assume responsibility for the same.
6. Tanks will be furnished. No gravel, plants or decorative items will be allowed.
7. No fish will be removed from the show area until after the awards presentation, and then only by persons authorized by the show emcee.
8. All entry fees must be prepaid. No entry fees will be refunded after fish are judged. A silent auction will start Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and end at noon. Exhibitors should indicate fish for auction at the time of registration. Only entered fish will be auctioned. Forty per cent of all floor sales and auctioned fish will be retained by GAM.

ENTRIES:

- Single entries - To consist of 1 male or 1 female shown in 1/2 gallon drum bowls. One female may be added to the male entry but only the male will be judged.
- Pair entries - To consist of 2 matched males shown in 1/2 gallon drum bowls. One female may be added but will not be judged.
- Breeder males - To consist of 3 matched males shown in 1 1/2 gallon tanks. Two females may be added but will not be judged. All will be judged as one class.
- Breeder females - To consist of 3 matched females shown in 1 1/2 gallon tanks. All will be judged as one class.
- Novice Class - Open only to those who have never won a 1st in an IFGA show.
- No point class - "Milwaukee Special" - Three UNMATCHED males. (Matched in all aspects except color).

ENTRY FEES: Single male and single female - \$1.50
 Tanks - 2 matched males - \$2.50
 Breeder male and breeder female - \$3.50
 "Milwaukee Special" - \$3.00

AWARDS:

- First Place winners will receive State of Wisconsin onyx trophies.
 Second, Third and Fourth Places will receive IFGA Award cups.
 First Place "Best of Show" - male, female and tank will receive a walnut and onyx plaque.
 Second, Third and Fourth Place "Best of Show" will receive a wall plaque.

G.A.M. RULES...

CLASSES

TANK (2 Matched Males)

Red
 Blue
 Green
 Purple
 Black
 Multi
 R/B Red
 R/B Blue
 R/B Yellow
 R/B Pastel
 R/B AOC
 Red Bi
 Bl/Gr Bi
 AOC Bi
 Snakeskin Solid
 Snakeskin Varig.
 AOC
 Gold
 Bronze
 Albino
 Yellow
 Swordtail (Single)
 Swordtail (Double)
 Novice

FFMALE (Single)

Red
 Bl/Gr
 Black
 Gold
 R/B Red
 R/B AOC
 AOC
 Bronze
 Novice

DELTA (Single Male)

Red
 Blue
 Green
 Purple
 Black
 Multi
 R/B Red
 R/B Blue
 R/B Yellow
 R/B Pastel
 R/B AOC
 Red Bi
 Bl/Gr Bi
 AOC Bi
 Snakeskin Solid
 Snakeskin Varig.
 AOC

DELTA/VEIL COMBINED

(Single Male)
 Gold
 Bronze
 Albino
 Swordtail (Single)
 Swordtail (Double)
 Yellow
 Novice

REVIEWING

Male
 Female

VEIL (Single Male)

Red
 Blue
 Green
 Purple
 Black
 Multi
 R/B Red
 R/B Blue
 R/B Yellow
 R/B Pastel
 R/B AOC
 Red Bi
 Bl/Gr Bi
 AOC Bi
 Snakeskin Solid
 Snakeskin Varig.
 AOC

MILWAUKEE SPECIAL

3 Unmatched Males
 (Matched in all aspects except color)

SHIPPED IN ENTRIES:

1. All shipped entries must be received by Friday morning, July 19, 1985. Late arrivals cannot be picked up at the airport after 11:00 A.M. Collect shipments will not be accepted. Sufficient return fare must be included if fish are to be returned or fish will be auctioned. All entry fees must be prepaid.
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 1021 North 3rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53203
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 4566 South 47th St., Milwaukee, WI 53220

GAM RULES ...

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Please make room reservations prior to June 25, 1985 to be sure of accomodations at the show site. 25 rooms will be held for Saturday night only. Rooms have been reserved at the Budgetel Motel located at 5110 North Fort Washington Road.

Prices: Single \$20.95 Double - \$39.95 (Children under 18 are free).

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL Show Chairman - James E. Schroeder 414-453-8746.

THE 24th INTERNATIONAL GUPPY SHOW IN VIENNA

DATE: June 23 - July 7, 1985

PLACE: The Museum of Natural History, 1010 Wien (Vienna), Burgring 7.

(Competition for the 8th European Championship 1985)

The purpose of our annual show is the Fancy Guppy with applying to the International High-Breeding Standards 1981.

RULES:

1. No entry fees are paid by foreign exhibitors.
2. The fish should arrive in Vienna by Wednesday, June 19, 1985. After this date judging will not be guaranteed.
3. The fish should be sent to:
International Österreichische Guppy-Ausstellung
% Wilhelm Gebel
Lorystrasse 54-60/2/3/11
A-1110 Wien - Aviso: 0222/74/ 44 765
- To make customs clearance easier please state in dispatch papers:
"Show entries of no commercial value".
4. Any guppy breeder as well as breeders groups are invited to participate. The fish must be bred by exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors of our competition will score as the articles by Association of European Championship of Guppybreeders.
6. All groups of the competition will be unlimited announced by IHS-81

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Delta grey/red | 16. Doubleword grey |
| 2. " " Blue-green | 17. " " Viennese Emerald |
| 3. " " multi | 18. Bottomsword grey |
| 4. " " 1/2 and 3/4 Black solid | 19. Topsword grey |
| 5. " " 1/2 and 3/4 Black multi | 20. Lyretail grey |
| 6. " " Snake skin, Filigree | 21. Swordtype, Recessive Col. |
| 7. " " AOC | 22. Royndtail grey |
| 8. " " gold, blond, blue, albino | 23. Coffartail grey |
| 9. " " white, creme, silver | 24. Speartail grey |
| 10. Fantail grey | 25. Pintail grey |
| 11. " " 1/2 and 3/4 black | 26. Shorttails, recessive cols. |
| 12. " " gold, blond, blue, albino | Special Groups: |
| 13. " " white, creme, silver | 27. Newbreedings - colour (M) |
| 14. Veiltail grey | 28. " " - shape (M) |
| 15. Scarftail grey | 29. Females |

AUSTRIAN SHOW RULES ...

7. Our show arrangement consists of: 10 l-plat-glass tanks with cover, air and drinking water (possible Vasinularia dubyana). Background and basement are black. Lighting will be used in a distance of 1,20 metres, 45 degrees, oblique, ahead and above with 150 watt incandescent lamps (Philips Compalux B40 Flood 7A).
8. Organization and judging will be done to the Standards and Judging Rules of IHS-81. We judge fish from the same brood, matched as near as possible, according to the standard. One entry will consist of three matched males (an additional male and one female can be added) or three matched females. Special groups will receive predicates.
9. The decisions of the show management and the judges will be final.
10. Each exhibitor, winning first, second, third and fourth places will receive award cards from which the placings can be seen. Awards for all other places are possible by decision of show management.
11. The first places in the classes 1-26 will receive a trophy if the entry has gained a minimum of 70 points. The first place of every standard will receive a trophy if the entry has gained a minimum of 75 points. The entry with the highest number of all the classes will receive the "Best of Show" trophy. If one entry should receive several prizes, only one will be awarded (sequence): Best of Show, Best of Standard, Best of Class.
12. We will make all efforts to treat the fish carefully, shipment and exhibition of the fish are at the risk of the breeder. Show management will be unable to return the fish.
13. Exhibitors agree to the show rules and conditions of the public announcement by the benching.

We are looking forward to seeing top entries from many countries of guppy high-breeding and we invite you to participate with us.

Austrian Guppy Association
Member of IFGA.

Editor's Note: I would hope that all of the members of the IFGA would seriously consider taking part in the Austrian show. They have supported at least one IFGA show each year for several of the past years. The response to participation in the overseas shows has been very poor this past year - in fact, there were only two people interested in sending to the last show which was in Berlin - consequently, the cost was too high for any participation by the IFGA.

RESERVATION FORM FOR U.A.M. SHOW ACCOMMODATIONS:

Please detach form and return to Richard Wagner

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE _____ PHONE _____
NO. OF ROOMS SINGLE DOUBLE SAT. OWNER
If additional lodging is needed, return form as early as possible.

TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

from Bill Orth

The following is a list of trophy sponsorships for 1985. If you have not paid, please do so or if you have decided not to sponsor the class please notify me as soon as possible.

CLASS	SPONSOR		CLASS	SPONSOR	
Red	Harold Morgan	Paid	Blue	BOGA	Paid
Green	T & F Allen	Paid	Black	J & J Magnifico	Unpaid
Multi	BAGG	Paid	AOO	BFCS	Paid
Yellow	Jim Alderson	Paid	Purple	GVGC	Unpaid
Red B1	GAM	Unpaid	R/G/B1	G & V Golimowski	Paid
AOO B1	Midwest	Unpaid	Gold	GAIC	Paid
Albino	PFGA	Paid	Bronze	COGS	Paid
Swordtail	Sue Hull	Paid	R/B Blue	BOGA	Paid
R/B Red	FIGA	Paid	R/B Pastel	GGA	Paid
R/B AOC	Heartland	Paid	R/B Yellow	GGA	Paid
Solid Snake	F. Schultersbrandt	Unpaid	Varieg. Snake	GDVGS	Paid
Red Female	MVGA	Paid	Bl/Gr Female	FFF	Paid
AOO Female	F. Berre	Unpaid	Black Female	GAGC	Unpaid
Gold Female	GAIC	Paid	Bronze Female	Golimowski	Paid
R/B AOC Female	R. Wellman	Paid	R/B Red Female	W. Burke	Paid
Breeder Female	GAGC	Unpaid	Breeder Male	Midwest	Unpaid

Editor's Note: This list is dated the latter part of March. If the trophy sponsorship was paid at the meeting in April please take this into consideration.

BAUER'S BLOTTER

by Ann Bauer

If last month's bulletin was a little on the slim side this month will make up for it. It was an enjoyable bulletin to type with all the excellent articles we have again this month - you guys are really doing great this year! It's been quite some time since we've seen any thing written on genetics and I'm sure many of you will enjoy this series that Josh Wilson is doing on that subject. And to you, Frank & Rich and I both laughed till we cried when we read your article on building a fish room (a dream fish room.). Can hardly wait for the next episode.

We had a pleasant surprise this month with a visit from Jim and Sharon Woodruff, former MVGA members, who were back in Ohio for their arrival of their first grandchild. They send warmest wishes to all their friends in the hobby.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tom Allen

Winners of the Big Apple Novice awards... Alexander Acevedo in the combined class and Lillian Sullivan in the female class... are to be congratulated and encouraged to continue exhibiting in all IFGA sanctioned shows. As a reminder, though, our rules prohibit anyone having won a first place award in any class from exhibiting again in the Novice class. For the first time in ages, perhaps even the first time ever, there were no novice tank, combined, or female entries at the Midwest Guppy Club show. It's hard to believe that in a metropolitan area as large as Chicago there are no novice breeders around.

To my knowledge, no one representing IFGA attended the Big Apple show. Even without their presence, however, the show was a success. Unfortunately, three boxes of fish arrived too late to be entered. Also, due to a foulup at the airlines, the full container of Austrian fish was refrigerated -- needless to say, they did not survive. Surely this represents a bad stroke of luck as the Austrians ship to only two of our shows each year. We can repay them for their good intentions by supporting their shows for the coming year.

Again, our 1986 show schedule lists only ten shows. Since the slate of shows isn't final until the annual meeting, there is ample time for two more clubs to step forward and fill the remaining slots. Discuss the possibilities at your meetings -- let's make 1986 a 12 show year!

SHOW SCHEDULE 1985

CLUB	SHOW DATE	CLASSES DUE	MINUTES
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31		
Big Apple Guppy Group	April 13-14		
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5		
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19		June
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2		
East Coast Guppy Association	June 15-16		
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30		
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21		
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4		
Guppy Associates International Chicago	September 7-8		
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 5	

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Group and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

CORRECTION TO GATEWAY GUPPY ASSOCIATION RULES

Schedule - Sunday, June 30, 1985

10:30 - 12:00 Seminar
12:00 - 12:30 Drawing

1.

MINUTES - I.N.G.A. MEETING
April 13, 1985 - Saddle Brook, New Jersey
Big Apple Guppy Group

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President, Tom Allen. The roll call was as follows:

Club

Big Apple Guppy Group
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club
Columbus Ohio Guppy Specialists
East Coast Guppy Association
Fancy Finny Friends
Florida International Guppy Association
Gateway Guppy Association
Greater Delaware Valley Guppy Society
Greater Virginia Guppy Club
Guppy Associates International Chicago
Guppy Associates Greater Cleveland
Guppy Associates of Lafayette
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee
Guppy Associates of Toronto
Heartland Guppy Club
Houston Guppy Club
Indianapolis Aquarium Society
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders
Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Michigan Guppy Breeders
Midwest Guppy Club
Pan Pacific Guppy Association
Pennsylvania Keystone Guppy Association
South Jersey Guppy Group
Tri-State Guppy Group
Western New York Guppy Group

Representative

Frank Schultersbrandt - D
Rich Serva - D
Bill St. Clair - A
Mike Lastella - D
Peter Tedesco - D
Elvin Cooney - A
Everett Gold - D
Paul Blood - D
William Schoenbauer - D
Gene Golimowski - D
Frank Orteca - A
Steve Kwartler - A
David Wiskialkowski - D
Bob Fisher - A
Vi Golimowski - A
Pat Allen - A

Ted Lobalio - A
James Magnifico - A
John Mackay - A
Frank Barta - A
Paul Gorski - A
Joshua Wilson - D
Bert Hirth - D
Dennis Hirth - D
John Rizzo - D

D - Delegate

A - Alternate

John Mackay moved to accept the minutes from the November 3, 1984 meeting as published in the December 1984 issue of the bulletin. Everett Gold seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Ted Lobalio

A. Balance as of October 29, 1984 \$3,521.30

B. Income

Judging Books	\$ 42.50	
Bulletin Back Issues	64.00	
Bulletin Subscriptions	1,687.00	
Trophy Sponsorship	625.00	
Club Dues	650.00	
Interest Income	101.73	
Entry Forms	16.50	
Award Cards	96.00	
Advertising	70.00	
JPS Reimbursement	11.68	\$3,364.43

C. Working Capital (A + B)

\$6,985.73

2.

MINUTES.....

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

D. Expenses	Bel. Fed.	\$6,585.73
Secretary	\$ 19.79	
Bulletin		
- Postage	1,426.77	
- Supplies	337.45	
Annual Awards	700.00	
Sub Refund	15.00	
Bad Check	12.00	
Award Cards	23.55	- 2,534.56

E. Balance as of April 4, 1985 \$4,451.17

Paul Blood moved to accept the report as read, Steve Kwartler second, Passed.

Judging Board - Tom Allen

As a reminder: All assistant judges must judge at least 3 classes at one show each year and attend one seminar every 2 years.
All accredited judges must judge at least 3 classes at two shows each year and attend one seminar every 2 years.

Tom asked if the section on judging females that appeared in the December 1984 bulletin could become part of our judging booklet. It will be brought up for a vote under new business.

Discussion followed on the gold class. Many suggestions were brought up. Delegates were asked to discuss this at their club meeting and it will be brought up again at the Annual Meeting in November.

Membership Report - Vi Golimowski

Vi reported that there has been a drop in corresponding membership. Everything else is running smoothly. There were no new clubs asking for membership.

Publicity Report - Everett Gold for Jim Thale

All information that was received from clubs was sent to publications. Some information was received too late. Three months is needed before a show date.

Awards Report - Tom Allen for Bill Orth

Tom read over the list of clubs and trophies that they sponsor.

Publications Report - Pat Allen for Ann Badet

In Ann's letter she reported that there is no need for the price of a subscription to be increased despite the rise in postage. She thanked the Magnificos and John Wolcott for their contributions of paper and covers. Ann mentioned the Judging Standards Book that Joshua Wilson has done. Also a special Thank You was sent to a 1 who have contributed articles for the bulletin. As a reminder, the deadline each month is the 15th.

Central Clearinghouse - Bob Curran U.S. and Gene Wiatka of Canada

There was no report from Canada. Bob Curran has moved but all is back running as before.

Nominations - Elvin Cooney, Gene Golimowski, Ellen Armitage

Elvin gave the committee nominations as follows.

For President -- Paul Gorski

Mike Lastella

Vice-President -- Jim Alderson

Secretary -- Doris Lastella

Treasurer -- Ted Lobello

3.

MINUTES.....

Nominations (cont.)

Nominations from the floor were as follows:

Treasurer -- Frank Schultenbrandt, he declined.

Bill St. Clair moved to close the nominations for Treasurer, Paul Blood Seconded, Passed.

Secretary -- Pat Allen, declined.

Frank Barta moved to close the nominations for Secretary, Paul Blood seconded, Passed.

Vice-President -- Frank Ortica moved to nominate Bill Orth subject to his approval, Frank Schultenbrandt seconded, Passed.

Bill St. Clair moved to close the nominations for Vice-President, Steve Kwartler seconded, Passed.

President -- no other nominations.

John Mackey moved to close nominations for President, Peter Tedesco seconded, Passed.

Paul Blood moved to accept the above nominations, Frank Schultenbrandt seconded, Passed.

Nominations will be taken again from the floor at the Annual Meeting in November.

Old Business

Jimmy Magnifico will have the Annual Awards completed in about two more weeks. He will then send them to Bill Orth, our Awards Chairperson, Discussion followed on the unfavorable article in TFH. Tom has been in correspondence with them asking them to attend one of our shows. So far no response has come, TFH does not seem to want to bend at all.

The book written by Stan Shubel was mentioned. It is due for publication in the fall.

New Business

Show Rotation - Mike Lastella

The following show schedule for 1986 will be finalized and voted on at the Annual Meeting in November. Any other club that may wish to pick up a show can contact Mike before the meeting.

Gateway Guppy Association	April 12-13	
South Jersey Guppy Group	April 26-27	
Guppy Associates of Toronto	May 24-25	
Guppy Associates International Chicago	June 14-15	Judging Seminar
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 28-29	
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	July 19-20	
Buckeye's Fancy Guppy Club	August 2-3	Meeting
East Coast Guppy Association	August 23-24	
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	September 13-14	
Big Apple Guppy Club	October 21 - November 1-2	
	Annual Meeting - Seminar	

Peter Tedesco moved to accept this tentative schedule, John Mackey seconded, Passed. The following motions will be voted on in November at the Annual Meeting:

Gene Golimowski moved to accept the female judging standards as printed in the December 1984 bulletin. Seconded by Jimmy Magnifico.
Gene Golimowski moved that the first meeting be held during the last two weeks of July or the first 2 weeks of August. Steve Kwartler seconded.
Dennis Hirth moved that the club that will be hosting the first meeting be given preference in choosing a date to fall into the weeks as stated in the motion above.
Frank Schultenbrandt seconded.

4.

MINUTES.....

New Business (cont.)

Discussion followed on Frank Ortica's suggestion that we standardize the Annual trophy. Frank will find a group to work with and come up with some designs and will report back at the Annual Meeting.
Paul Blood moved to adjourn the meeting. Peter Tedesco seconded. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Allen, Secretary

MIDWEST CUPPY CLUB

May 4-5, 1985 SHOW RESULTS 547 (?) Entries

JUDGES: Steve Sparrow, Ted Lebello, Richard Snydlik, John Zalk, Jim Jirku, Ron Yater, Bill Orth, Tom Allen, Gene Golimowski, Frank Barta, Everett Gold

ASS'T JUDGES: Bev Richmond, John Wilson, Tom Washburn, Bob Albright, Darrell Johnson, Mike Golimowski

OBSERVERS: John MaBlar, Bill St. Clair, Jose Duque, Ed Regac

BEST OF SHOW

TANK:	(Green)	(Purple)	(H/B AOC)	(AOC)
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	James Alderson	

MALE:	(H/B AOC Delta)	(Red Veil)	(H/B Yellow Delta)	(Green Delta)
M & D Lastella	Darrell Johnson	Bill St. Clair	James Alderson	

FEMALE:	(H/B AOC)	(Gold)	(AOC)	(Bl/Gx)
D & D Oryl	M & M Golimowski	M & M Golimowski	J & V Wilson	

BREEDER MALE: (5)			
M & D Lastella	Joe Smith	B & J Orth	James Alderson

BREEDER FEMALE: (7)			
T & P Allen	B & B Miller	J & B Longer	Frank Barta

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
RED:	(10)	(17)	(10)
James Alderson		Eugene Golimowski	Darrell Johnson
Joe Smith		James Alderson	James Alderson
Joe Smith		T & P Allen	James Alderson
T & P Allen		Darrell Johnson	James Alderson

BLUE:	(6)	(12)	(7)
M & D Lastella		B & J Orth	B & J Orth
Joe Smith		Darrell Johnson	Darrell Johnson
B & J Orth		Joe Smith	Steve Sparrow
B & J Orth		M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella

M.G.C. RESULTS.....

GREEN:	TANK (9)	DELTA (12)	VEIL (7)
M & D Lastella		James Alderson	Rev. Lloyd Groenka
Rev. Lloyd Groenka		Rev. Lloyd Groenka	Eugene Golimowski
Frederick Roll		James Alderson	Jim Shoffner
James Alderson		Rev. Lloyd Groenka	Jim Shoffner

PURPLE:	(10)	(13)	(11)
M & D Lastella		James Alderson	P & M Tedesco
Frank Barta		T & P Allen	Eugene Golimowski
T & P Allen		T & P Allen	Eugene Golimowski
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Eugene Golimowski

BLACK:	(5)	(5)	(1)
D & R Rush		E & W Cooney	Disq.
D & R Rush		Ed Roger	
D & D Oryl		E & W Cooney	
D & D Oryl		Frank Barta	

MULTI:	(6)	(4)	(5)
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	J & V Wilson
J & B Longer		Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino
Bev Richmond		Bev Richmond	Bev Richmond
Bev Richmond		Bev Richmond	Bev Richmond

H/B RED:	(6)	(12)	(6)
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
Vic Piteo		Vic Piteo	James Alderson
Vic Piteo		Bill St. Clair	Vic Piteo
Vic Piteo		Bill St. Clair	Vic Piteo

H/B BLUE:	(6)	(12)	(3)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Disq.
A & R Wagner		Leonard Buttafuoco	Disq.
Disq.		Leonard Buttafuoco	Disq.
Disq.		A & R Wagner	Disq.

H/B PANTH:	(7)	(12)	(5)
Darrell Johnson		T & M Zielinski	T & M Zielinski
T & M Zielinski		Bev Richmond	T & M Zielinski
T & M Zielinski		James Alderson	T & M Zielinski
T & M Zielinski		T & M Zielinski	T & M Zielinski

H/B AOC:	(6)	(6)	(7)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	B & J Orth
M & D Lastella		Jim Jirku	P & M Tedesco
Stephen Kwartler		J & V Wilson	P & M Tedesco
Stephen Kwartler		M & D Lastella	P & M Tedesco

AOC:	(10)	(11)	(3)
James Alderson		Bev Richmond	B & J Orth
Tom Jacobellis		James Alderson	S & B Miller
Bev Richmond		Tom Jacobellis	A & R Wagner
Bev Richmond		Tom Jacobellis	

M.C.C. RESULTS.....

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
RED BI:	(7)	(11)	(9)
Frank Mervino		Bob Paterson	T & M Zielinski
Bev Richmond		Bev Richmond	T & M Zielinski
Bev Richmond		Bob Paterson	Ted Lobello & family
Bev Richmond		Ted Lobello & family	Ted Lobello & family
BL/GR BI:	(4)	(7)	(9)
Steve Sparrow		Steve Sparrow	Leonard Buttafuoco
P & M Tedesco		Steve Sparrow	Eugene Golimowski
Leonard Buttafuoco		Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair
Disq.		Jim Jirku	Bill St. Clair
AOC BI:	(7)	(16)	(12)
J & V Wilson		J & V Wilson	J & V Wilson
James Alderson		J & V Wilson	J & B Longer
Yasid Outierrez		James Alderson	Yasid Outierrez
Jim Jirku		Jim Jirku	Jim Jirku
SNAKESKIN SOL:	(7)	(8)	(5)
T & P Allen		T & P Allen	Frank Orates
T & P Allen		J & V Wilson	T & P Allen
Frank Orates		T & P Allen	T & P Allen
M & M Golimowski		M & M Golimowski	Disq.
SNAKESKIN VAR:	(7)	(15)	(7)
Frank Barta		R & A Albright	Ted Lobello & family
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	Ted Lobello & family
Frank Barta		Frank Barta	R & A Albright
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	Frank Barta
BRONZE:	(4)	COMBINED	
T & P Allen		(13)	
T & P Allen		J & V Wilson	
T & P Allen		T & P Allen	
J & V Wilson		Eugene Golimowski	
ALBINO:	(7)	(13)	
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	
Bill St. Clair		Carl Hutter	
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	
DOUBLEWORD:	(5)	(6)	
J & V Wilson		Frederick Roll	
Frederick Roll		J & V Wilson	
J & V Wilson		J & V Wilson	
Ted Lobello & family		Frederick Roll	
SINGLEWORD:	(7)	(6)	
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll	
M & M Golimowski		Frederick Roll	
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll	
M & M Golimowski		M & M Golimowski	
NOVICE:	(0)	(0)	

M.C.C. RESULTS.....

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
H/B YELLOW	(4)	(4)	(3)
J & B Longer		Bill St. Clair	J & B Longer
J & B Longer		J & B Longer	J & B Longer
J & B Longer		J & B Longer	Disq.
J & B Longer		J & B Longer	
TANK		COMBINED	
YELLOW	(4)	(7)	
David Polunas		Disq.	
Disq.		Disq.	
Disq.		Disq.	
Disq.		Disq.	
GOLD:	(2)	(3)	
Eugene Golimowski		Disq.	
Eugene Golimowski		Disq.	
Disq.		Disq.	
FEMALES			
RED: (4)		AOC: (14)	BL/GR: (10)
J & V Wilson		M & M Golimowski	J & V Wilson
Eugene Golimowski		M & M Golimowski	S & B Miller
Eugene Golimowski		Frank Barta	S & B Miller
Eugene Golimowski		Frank Barta	J & V Wilson
GOLD: (9)		BLACK: (6)	H/B RED: (3)
M & M Golimowski		Frank Barta	S & B Miller
M & M Golimowski		Frank Barta	S & B Miller
M & M Golimowski		Frank Barta	Disq.
Eugene Golimowski		Jim Jirku	
H/B AOC: (6)		BRONZE: (7)	NOVICE: (0)
D & D Oryl		J & V Wilson	
S & B Miller		J & V Wilson	
D & D Oryl		T & P Allen	
D & D Oryl		T & P Allen	

SEPARATE QUARTERS

by Stan Shubel
Michigan Guppy Breeders

Like many other guppy people I simply do not have enough tanks for the number of lines I am trying to raise. At the present time I am running four lines of blues, three lines of reds, three lines of half black reds and a line of purples - all in 54 tanks. With some simple arithmetic you can see I don't have a lot of available space per line. In a way I'm more fortunate than most in that my strains throw a very high percentage of good fish so it is not necessary to raise a large number of fish to get good show and breeding stock. Also I can combine males and females in separate tanks of similar age groups of the different color lines.

Even so, about a year ago, I ran out of space to set up some new breeders. It had been a common practice to isolate females about to drop young in a half gallon show jar to avoid harassment from her tank mates. So I thought - What the heck, I placed the trio into a spare jar. Initially I planned for this to be a temporary arrangement until a small tank became available. After a month or so went by the

SEPARATE QUARTERS.....

Fish were doing fine, each of the females had dropped young and the male was swimming well. Shortly after this I picked up a couple one gallon drum bowls and the fish were transferred to the larger bowl. Some more breeders were set up in other bowls.

The feeding of these fish was the same as for all my other fish. Live baby brine, my blended dry food and adult frozen brine shrimp. As no filtration or aeration was used, care was taken not to overfeed. The water was changed every other week. The fish were netted out and placed in another jar until their own could be scrubbed down. Water was taken directly from an established tank. Nothing else was added to the water in the way of medication, salt, etc.

The original male is now over 20 months old and still going strong - one of the females just dropped young again. The caudal on all of the males have held up remarkably well with no splitting or disease problems and the females have done as well.

The only negative factor I can determine is that there has been no increase in body size. On the other hand, fish of the same dropping left in the tanks with filtration and perhaps increased food supplies did continue to grow. But also caudal deterioration was a factor in the tanks. But to come to a definite conclusion would take a whole bunch of bowls over a longer period of time. Which I am not inclined to pursue as I am only interested in the practical aspects.

One additional benefit is that in the smaller areas the bigger males are able to catch the females easier. Which enables you to breed the older males without any trimming of the tails. But it did definitely prove that it is possible to maintain - you'll note I did not say raise fish in a small container with no outside air supply or filtration. So if you do run short of tank space it would seem that the drum bowls are an acceptable substitute.

BUCKEYE FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION Proudly Presents a 1985 IFGA 7 POINT GUPPY SHOW at the Chapel Hill Mall - August 3 & 4, 1985

SCHEDULE:	Saturday, Aug. 3rd	Sunday, Aug. 4th
4:00AM to 3:00PM - Registration	9:00AM - Open to Public	
4:00PM to 7:00PM - Judging	11:00AM - Auction & 50/50 Raffle	
10:00PM - Awards Presentation		
In Hospitality Room	12:00 - Debenching	

RULES COVERING THIS 7 POINT SHOW:

1. All entries must be registered by 3:00PM Saturday August 3, 1985. Benching will be done by IFGA or a designee.
2. Judging of entries will begin at 4:00PM Saturday August 3, 1985.
3. All entries will be judged by current IFGA standards.
4. Lighting will be overhead fluorescent.
5. Every precaution will be taken to prevent loss of fish, theft, etc.; however, exhibitor assumes all responsibility for loss.
6. Fish will not be removed from show until 12:00, at which time a member of IFGA, or designee, will remove fish from show area and return them to the exhibitor.
7. The exhibitor must determine the class of competition in which his/her entry is to be exhibited. Assistance in classification will be available at the time of registration.

IFGA RULES, RULES (cont.)

8. No gravel, greens or decorations may be used. There will be no charge for use of bowls and tanks.
9. Trophies will be given for first along with cards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places.

SINGLE ENTRIES: All entries are to be exhibited in 1/2 gallon drum bowls, 3/4 filled with water. One female is optional, but will not be judged. Entry fee is \$1.25.

NOVICE CLASS: Novice class is open only to those exhibitors who have never won a first place in an IFGA show.

DOUBLE ENTRIES TANK: An entry will consist of two matched males. One female may be added but will not be judged. Entry fee is \$2.50. Entries will be exhibited in tanks available at site.

3 MATCHED FEMALES (BREEDER FEMALES): Entries will be exhibited in tanks available at site. All entries will be judged as one class. Entry fee \$2.50.

5 MATCHED MALES (BREEDER MALES): Entries will be exhibited in tanks available at site. Two females may be added but will not be judged. All entries will be judged as one class. Entry fee \$3.00.

AUCTION: Only fish entered in show will be available for auction. The auction will conclude the show. Exhibitors wishing to have their entries sold at the auction should specify when entering by using the space provided on the entry form. 25% of all auction proceeds will be retained by IFGA.

CLASSES.

<u>DELTA</u>	<u>VEIL</u>	<u>TANKS</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
Red	Same As Delta	Same as Delta with	Red
Blue		Combined and Sword	Bl/Gr
Green	<u>DELTA/VEIL COMBINED</u>	Tails (Double and	H/B Red
Purple	Albino	Single).	H/B AOC
Black	Gold		AOC
Multi	Bronze	<u>BREEDER MALES</u>	Gold
1/8 Red	Yellow	All colors combined	Black
H/B Blue	H/B Yellow		Novice
H/B Pastel	Novice	<u>BREEDER FEMALES</u>	Bronze
H/B AOC	Single Sword Tail	All colors combined	
AOC	Double Sword Tail		<u>BEST OF SHOW</u>
Red Bicolor			Male
Bl/Gr Bicolor			Female
AOC Bicolor			Tank
SnakeSkin Solid			
SnakeSkin Varigated			

SHIPPED IN ENTRIES: All entries mailed or shipped by air freight must be received by August 2, 1985. It would be appreciated that prior notification on all shipments be given.

Entries may be shipped AIR MAIL SPECIAL to: Ed Reged, 1233 Allendale Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44306

Entries may be shipped AIR FREIGHT to: Jim Shoffner, 337 Howe Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. CALL ON ARRIVAL (216) 923-0591.

All shipping charges must be prepaid along with the return fare. No collect shipments will be accepted. All fish shipped with no return fare will be auctioned.

BFGA RULES.....

ROOM RESERVATIONS: A block of rooms has been reserved at State Road Motel, 1709 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls. Rates are \$29.00 plus tax for single and double rooms. Reservations must be made three weeks in advance. You may contact Jim Shoffner (216) 921-0591 or Ed Regan (216) 724-0824 for reservations. The best entrance to the show is on the south side of Fenney's. For further information contact: Rich Serfs (216) 650-4613



This show is being held in conjunction with the Ultra Aquas '85 - 15th Annual All Species tropical fish show. Other features of this weekend which begins Friday, August 2, 1985 are: Western Reserve Betta Club IBC sanctioned point show
North American Goldfish championship
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May 18-19, 1985 SHOW RESULTS 593 Entries

JUDGES: Sue Hull, Vic Pizzo, Rich Bader, Frank Ortesca, Mike Lastella, Bill Orth, Stan Shubel, Pop Morgan, Tom Allen, Harold Morgan, Ethel Shubel, Ted Lobello, Terry Wasyluk, Gene Golimowski, Vi Golimowski

ASS T JUDGES: R. G. Albright, Dave Arns, Don Craft, Eugene Wistaka, John Wilson, Rich Serva, Frank Barta, Alex Kovacs

OBSERVERS: Bob Willinger, Josh Wilson, Paul Evans, Oder Ray, Bob Fisher, Jerry Williams, Bill St. Clair, Joe Smith, Charles Hall, Ron Rush, Ed Rugao

BEST OF SHOW			
TANK: (Red)	(Blue)	(AOC)	(1/2 Red)
James Alderson	Stan Shubel	James Alderson	Stan Shubel
MALE: (Red Nite)	(1/2 AOC Delta)	(AOC Delta)	(Purple Delta)
Paul Gorski	M & D Lastella	James Alderson	Stan Shubel
FEMALE: (1/2 AOC)	(Gold)	(Bl/Gr)	(AOC)
Pop Morgan	M & M Golimowski	R & A Albright	S & B Miller
BREEDER MALE (?)			
M & D Lastella	Joe Smith	Joe Smith	B & J Orth
BREEDER FEMALES: (?)			
E & W Cooney	Frank Barta	Frank Barta	J & B Longer

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
RED:	(7)	(15)	(10)
James Alderson	Paul Gorski	James Alderson	James Alderson
Joe Smith	Paul Gorski	James Alderson	James Alderson
T & P Allen	James Alderson	T & P Allen	Frank Mormino
James Alderson	James Alderson	James Alderson	Frank Mormino
BLUE:	(9)	(12)	(2)
Stan Shubel	B & J Orth	B & J Orth	B & J Orth
M & D Lastella	Joe Smith	Disq.	Disq.
B & J Orth	M & D Lastella		
Joe Smith	Joe Smith		
GREEN	(8)	(9)	(9)
Stan Shubel	James Alderson	Frank Ortesca	Frank Ortesca
M & D Lastella	James Alderson	Frank Ortesca	Eugene Golimowski
James Alderson	M & D Lastella	Eugene Golimowski	Jim Shoffner
Rev. Lloyd Groenke	James Alderson	James Alderson	
PURPLE:	(10)	(15)	(10)
Frank Barta	Stan Shubel	Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski
B & J Orth	Eugene Golimowski	B & J Orth	B & J Orth
Frank Barta	T & P Allen		
BLACK:	(8)	(11)	(1)
D & R Rush	R & W Cooney	B & J Orth	B & J Orth
D & R Rush	D & R Rush	Disq.	Disq.
D & D Oryl	Lawrence McIntire	Disq.	Disq.
D & D Oryl	D & R Rush		

G.A.G.C. RESULTS.....

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
MULTI	(8)	(10)	(11)
J & B Longer	J & V Wilson	Bev Richmond	Bev Richmond
Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino
Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino
Bev Richmond	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	J & B Longer
AOC:	(6)	(5)	(5)
James Alderson	James Alderson	B & J Orth	B & J Orth
James Alderson	James Alderson	Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski
Bev Richmond	Bev Richmond	S & B Miller	S & B Miller
Bev Richmond	B & B Miller	S & B Miller	S & B Miller
H/B RED:	(11)	(16)	(8)
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	James Alderson	James Alderson
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	James Alderson	James Alderson
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	Vic Pizzo	Vic Pizzo
H/B BLUE:	(6)	(15)	(5)
A & R Wagner	A & R Wagner	A & R Wagner	A & R Wagner
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	Leonard Buttafuoco	Leonard Buttafuoco
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	A & R Wagner	A & R Wagner
A & R Wagner	Bob Peterson	A & R Wagner	A & R Wagner
H/B YELLOW:	(6)	(5)	(3)
J & B Longer	Bill St. Clair	J & B Longer	J & B Longer
J & B Longer	J & B Longer	J & B Longer	J & B Longer
Bob Fisher	Bob Fisher	J & B Longer	J & B Longer
J & B Longer	Bob Fisher		
H/B PANTLE:	(1)	(3)	(2)
B & J Orth	Bob Fisher	B & J Orth	B & J Orth
	B & J Orth	B & J Orth	B & J Orth
	Peter Tedesco		
H/B AOC:	(7)	(4)	(6)
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	J & V Wilson	J & V Wilson
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	B & J Orth	B & J Orth
B & J Orth	B & J Orth	Peter Tedesco	Peter Tedesco
Peter Tedesco	J & V Wilson	Peter Tedesco	Peter Tedesco
RED BI	(3)	(8)	(3)
Frank Mormino	Bev Richmond	Ted Lobello & family	Ted Lobello & family
Bev Richmond	Bob Peterson	Ted Lobello & family	Ted Lobello & family
Bob Peterson	Frank Mormino	Disq.	Disq.
Bob Peterson	Bob Peterson		
BL/GR BI:	(7)	(8)	(6)
David Niedzialkowski	David Niedzialkowski	Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair
David Niedzialkowski	David Niedzialkowski	Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair
Peter Tedesco	David Niedzialkowski	Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair
Leonard Buttafuoco	David Niedzialkowski	Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair

G.A.C.C. RESULTS.....

TANK	DELTA	VEIL
(7)	(8)	(9)
ACC BY:		
J & V Wilson	J & V Wilson	J & B Longer
Jim Jirku	Frank Barta	J & V Wilson
Jim Jirku	Frank Barta	J & V Wilson
Yezid Gutierrez	Frank Barta	Yezid Gutierrez

SOLID SNAKESKIN:	(8)	(13)	(7)
Frank Orteca		T & P Allen	Frank Orteca
Frank Orteca		Paul Gorski	Frank Orteca
Frank Orteca		Frank Orteca	Frank Orteca
T & P Allen		T & P Allen	Frank Orteca

VARYG. SNAKESKIN:	(9)	(19)	(13)
R & A Albright		Rich Bader	Frank Barta
Frank Barta		Frank Barta	Frank Orteca
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	Rich Bader
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	R & A Albright

ALBINO:	(7)	(10)	(14)
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	Eugene Golimowski
James Coleman		Bill St. Clair	Eugene Golimowski
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair	Eugene Golimowski
Bill St. Clair		James Coleman	Bill St. Clair

TANK	COMBINED
(2)	(3)
GOLD:	
Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski
Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski
	Disq.

YELLOW	(2)	(4)
David Polunas		E & W Cooney
David Polunas		David Polunas
		David Polunas
		David Polunas

BRONZE:	(4)	(8)
T & P Allen		Eugene Golimowski
J & V Wilson		J & V Wilson
T & P Allen		T & P Allen
Don Saurers		Eugene Golimowski

DOUBLE SWORD	(7)	(7)
Don Saurers		Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll		J & V Wilson
Frederick Roll		Don Saurers

SINGLE SWORD	(7)	(6)
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll
M & M Golimowski		Don Saurers
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll		Frederick Roll

NOVICE:	(10)
	Paul Evans
	Jerry Williams
	Paul Evans
	Robert Fillinger

G.A.C.C. RESULTS.....

SUPERWIDE FEMALE: (3)

Bob Fisher
Bob Fisher
Bob Fisher

SUPERWIDE MALE (4)

Bob Fisher
Frank Orteca
Bob Fisher
Bob Fisher

RED: (5)	FEMALES	BLACK: (3)
Bob Fisher	BL/GR: (16)	Frank Barta
J & V Wilson	R & A Albright	Frank Barta
Eugene Golimowski	S & B Miller	Frank Barta
Eugene Golimowski	S & B Miller	D & B Rush
	J & V Wilson	
ACC: (17)	GOLD: (7)	BRONZE: (10)
S & B Miller	M & M Golimowski	J & V Wilson
Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski	T & P Allen
M & M Golimowski	Bob Fisher	T & P Allen
M & M Golimowski	M & M Golimowski	M & M Golimowski
M/B BRD: (3)	R/B ACC: (3)	NOVICE: (1)
S & B Miller	Pop Morgan	Jerry Williams
Don Saurers	D & D Oryl	
S & B Miller	Pop Morgan	
	D & D Oryl	

I.F.C.A. POINT STANDINGS AS OF MAY 20, 1983

CLASS	PTS	CLASS	PTS
<u>RED</u>		<u>WHITE</u>	
1 John O'Brien	798	1 Frank Mormino	2031
1 James Alderson	798	2 Rev Richmond	1059
3 Joe Smith	304	3 J & B Longer	406
4 Darrell Johnson	490	4 J & V Wilson	126
<u>BLUE</u>		<u>ACC</u>	
1 M & D Lastella	1078	1 Rev Richmond	784
2 B & J Orth	616	2 James Alderson	374
3 Joe Smith	360	2 E & B Miller	574
4 James Alderson	364	4 Thomas Jacobbala	420
<u>GREEN</u>		<u>R/B RED</u>	
Rev. Lloyd Groenke	1400	1 Star Shabel	1442
2 M & D Lastella	700	2 Vic Piteo	1204
3 James Alderson	518	3 James Alderson	658
4 Frederick Roll	476	4 Irwin Solomon	322
<u>PURPLE</u>		<u>R/B BLUE</u>	
1 M & D Lastella	868	1 M & D Lastella	1078
2 T & P Allen	672	2 Leonard Buttafuoco	602
3 Eugene Golimowski	588	3 A & R Wagner	546
4 B & J Orth	434	4 Bob Peterson	266

STANDINGS...

CLASS	PTS	CLASS	PTS
<u>BLACK</u>		<u>H/D PASTEL</u>	
1 D & R Rush	2244	1 T & N Zielinski	1778
2 E & W Cooney	350	2 Darrell Johnson	392
3 D & D Oryl	280	3 B & J Orth	322
4 B & J Orth	168	4 John Maslar	280

<u>H/B YELLOW</u>		<u>SOLID SNAKESKIN</u>	
1 J & F Longer	2126	1 Frank Ortene	2072
2 Bill St. Clair	434	2 T & P Allen	938
3 Charlie Zesch	280	3 Paul Gorski	238
4 Bob Fisher	252	4 J & V Wilson	98

<u>H/B AOC</u>		<u>VARIATED SNAKESKIN</u>	
1 M & D Lastella	1750	1 K & A Albright	1442
2 Steve Kwartler	1092	2 Frank Barta	1048
3 Peter Tedesco	434	3 Rich Nader	588
4 B & J Orth	252	4 Ted Lobello & family	196

<u>RED BI</u>		<u>YELLOW</u>	
1 Bev Richmond	1610	1 David Pelunas	1260
2 Ted Lobello & family	700	2 Bill McGovern	700
3 Bob Peterson	318	3 Ray Winkler	266
3 Frank Mormino	318	4 E & W Cooney	182

<u>BI/GR BI</u>		<u>ALBINO</u>	
1 David Wiedzialowski	1484	1 Bill St. Clair	482
2 Leonard Buttafalo	560	2 Jose Duque	420
3 Bill St. Clair	406	3 Eugene Golimowski	406
4 Steve Sparrow	378	4 Carl Hutter	308

<u>AOC BI</u>		<u>GOLD</u>	
1 Jim Jirku	1330	1 Eugene Golimowski	1162
2 J & V Wilson	644	2 -- --	--
3 Yanid Gutierrez	392		
4 Bev Richmond	252		
4 J & B Longer	252		

<u>BRONZE</u>		<u>SWORDTAIL</u>	
1 T & P Allen	1330	1 Frederick Roll	1744
2 J & V Wilson	826	2 Don Saurers	1064
3 Eugene Golimowski	392	3 J & V Wilson	842
4 Don Saurers	168	4 M & M Golimowski	308

<u>GOLD FEMALE</u>		<u>AOC FEMALE</u>	
1 M & M Golimowski	266	1 M & M Golimowski	378
2 Warren Burke	196	2 Frank Barta	224
2 Eugene Golimowski	196	3 B & B Miller	70
4 Frederick Roll	98	3 Arthur Hinta	70

<u>RED FEMALE</u>		<u>H/B RED FEMALE</u>	
1 Eugene Golimowski	252	1 S & B Miller	266
2 J & V Wilson	168	2 Eugene Golimowski	126
3 S & B Miller	126	3 Don Saurers	126
3 Mark Miska	126	4 Jim McCarty	70

STANDINGS...

CLASS	PTS	CLASS	PTS
<u>BL/GR FEMALE</u>		<u>BRONZE FEMALE</u>	
1 Frank Barta	294	1 J & V Wilson	280
2 J & V Wilson	196	2 T & P Allen	210
2 S & B Miller	196	3 Don Saurers	70
2 Harold Bryant	196	4 M & M Golimowski	28

<u>BLACK FEMALE</u>		<u>H/B AOC FEMALE</u>	
1 Frank Barta	378	1 Milford (Pop) Morgan	238
2 D & R Rush	252	2 D & D Oryl	224
3 Jim Jirku	98	3 Warren Burke	182
3 J & J Burdoun	98	4 Darrell Johnson	70
		4 Nestor Anasum	70

<u>BREEDER MALE</u>		<u>BREEDER FEMALE</u>	
1 M & D Lastella	1750	1 Frank Barta	1218
2 Joe Smith	1400	2 J & B Longer	420
3 T & P Allen	560	2 D & R Rush	420
3 B & J Orth	560	4 T & P Allen	336

<u>MALE GRAND OVERALL</u>		<u>FEMALE GRAND OVERALL</u>	
1 M & D Lastella	5740	1 M & M Golimowski	1085
2 Stan Shubel	3045	2 Frank Barta	360
3 James Anderson	2555	3 Milford Morgan	455
4 Frederick Roll	1610	4 J & V Wilson	420
4 T & P Allen	1610	5 D & R Rush	390
6 Frank Mormino	1375	5 B & B Miller	350
7 Bill St. Clair	1540	7 Darrell Johnson	243
8 Bev Richmond	1330	7 Don Saurers	243
8 Eugene Golimowski	1330	7 D & B Oryl	243
10 J & B Longer	1190	10, J & B Longer	210
10 J & V Wilson	1190	10, Nestor Anasumi	210
		10, T & P Allen	210
		10, B & W Cooney	210

GLUE OF THE YEAR AWARD

from East Coast Guppy Association

Once again, the East Coast Guppy Association would appreciate any suggestions for the club to receive this annual award. Please let us know by August 31, 1985 who you feel is most deserving of this honor. Mail your suggestions to:

Mike and Doris Lastella
3340 Yeast Blvd,
Oceanside, N.Y. 11572

Guidelines for this award are;

1. Must have had a show during the year.
2. Some member must have shown in every show.
3. Must have done something extraordinary for the IFGA during the year.
4. Must have been active in the IFGA (Officers, Delegates, Meetings attended)
5. Must have supported the bulletin with at least one article during the year.

by Capt. Frank Orteca
Guppy Associates of
Greater Cleveland

Rich Serva, Jim Shoffner, Dan Walsh, Bob Polachack, John Szyndak, Ron Rush, Frank Orteca, John Bosolt, Dave Arms. These are the members of the IOI. No this group is not a part of a combat unit, it's the group of people it has taken to accomplish my latest weekend fish room. If you remember we left off last month with a tank full of fried fish caused by a faulty heater.

It was late August when it happened, and when I decided I needed a new method for heating my tanks. For the next two months every waking hour was spent thinking about my fish room. It seemed my thoughts kept coming up with the same conclusion - "My room was too BIG." I couldn't believe my own mind - all these years in my apartment I dreamed of a large fish room and now every thought was steering me towards a smaller room.

I kept thinking of other rooms I had recently visited. Ron Rush's room was about 6 x 11, Frank Mormino's about 8 x 12; Joe Smith's 10 x 12 and the latest room to be redone belonged to Terry Wasylink, who had just completed a L shaped room. Well my mind was made up! I needed an entirely new fish room. This meant endless designs and sketches of fish rooms on large quantities of paper. The final outcome was that I had to move all my tanks from the East end of my basement to the West end. Don't ask me why, because I don't know - I have no control over why I do these things.

Now that I decided to spend my whole room I had to decide on a design for new racks. The final design came about 3 o'clock in the morning. It was in my hotel room in St. Louis during the annual. Rich Serva came up with the final design. The plan called for the majority of the tanks to be 15 gallon. On the way home from the Annual, John Bosolt bought all my 22 gallon tanks - he also arranged for me to get all my 15 gallon tanks at wholesale price. The next step was to insulate the walls and ceiling of what was to be my new room and put in new lighting. I was able to insulate the room myself. But by the time the insulation was bought and put up two weeks had passed. After that was completed it was time to start on the racks. Like in the past that means endless trips in my car hauling home 8 foot 2 x 4's. I don't know how many times I would think "Where will this all end?" It seems like every year I'm hauling something home for a new room of mine.

Finally all the lumber was stacked in my garage. It was time to bring in the troops. The first to arrive was Rich Serva and Jim Shoffner - they came over the day after Thanksgiving. Jim could only stay for about two hours but Rich stayed for about 7. By 8:30 that night I had 2 out of 5 racks completed. For the next 6 weeks I had someone new over to build a rack or a wall. Finally by mid-January the room was done, complete with carpeting. The room has 5 racks. The three main racks are all joined together. They are 3 tiers high. The top tier holds the 10 gallon tanks - below this are two tiers of 15 gallon tanks. The 3 racks combined hold a total of 20 ten gallon tanks and 25 fifteen gallon tanks. I used the 10 gallon tanks for newly born fry. When the females are ready to drop they are put in 10 gallon tanks to drop their young. I used to have the fry dropped in 2 or 5 gallon tanks but had the tendency to leave the fry there too long and would eventually stunt their growth. All in all having the fry dropped in 10 gallon tanks makes my job much easier. After about 6 weeks the most promising fry are moved down to the 15 gallon tanks. They stay there till show time or time to be used for breeders.

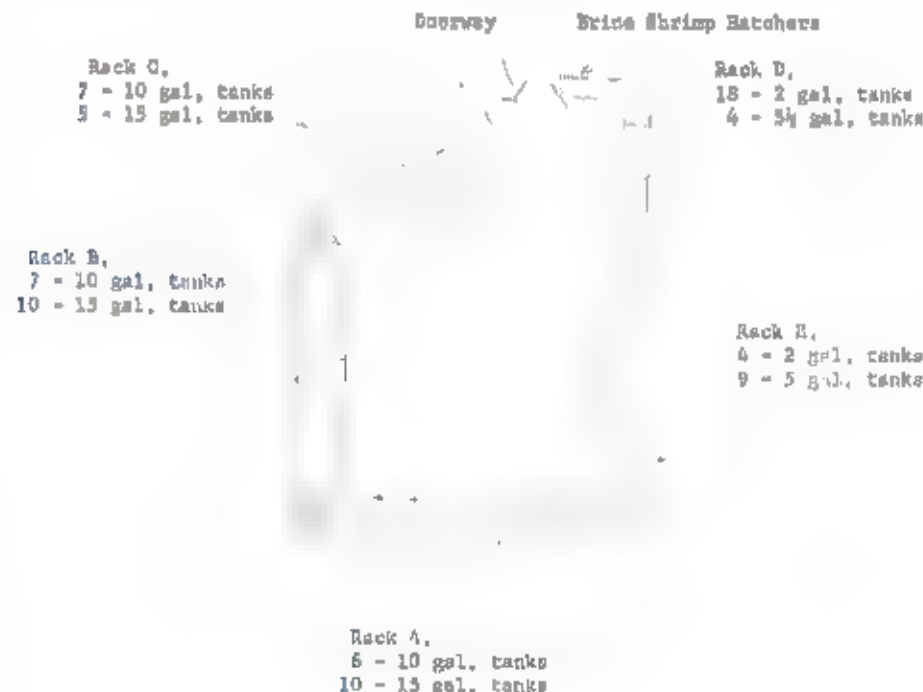
The breeders have a separate rack of their own. This rack is four tiers high. The top tier holds 4 two gallon tanks. Each tier below holds 3 five gallon tanks. These tanks are used for breeding trios. I like the use of 5 gallon much better than the two's, but use the 2 gallon only out of necessity - 5 gallon tanks are too high for my top tier.

THE FINAL FRONTIER....

The last rack holds 18 - 2 gallon tanks and four 5 1/2 gallon tanks. This rack holds nothing but show fish. I started doing this last year, and have quite a bit of success with this. The show fish last longer and I don't have the risk of spreading disease that may have been picked up at a show. The 3 1/2 gallons are used to hold tank entries.

My brine shrimp hatchery are on a shelf on the wall. I have room to hold four but right now am using only 2, which I rotate every other day. In all my tanks I use sponge filters. I have used them now for five years and have had very good luck with them. The way they work best is not to clean them too good, which means less maintenance - that's fine with me. The 10's and 15's all have double sponge tetra filters - the 2's and 5's all use the smaller jungle filters.

One of the things that I did in this room that I always wanted to do was to paint my racks. All racks are painted light blue. They all have plywood shelves which is painted black - this eliminates painting the bottoms of the tanks black. As far as the heating goes, since that is what started all of this, I use a thermostatically controlled space heater. It has 2 settings - 750 watts and 1500 watts. Since the room is well insulated I leave the control on 750 watts. The heater runs about 30% of the time and keeps the room at 84 degrees. The only thing lacking so far is a door for my fish room. Right now I'm using plastic to keep the heat in. You noticed in the beginning of the article the name of Dave Arms, well the door is Dave's contribution. Since Dave is now in the process of building his fish room I guess he'll get both our doors at the same time. He'll have to now that I put it in print. Below is a design of my room - this is a Top View -



THE FINAL FRONTIER.....

The room holds a total of 76 tanks. It seems to be the perfect size - large enough to house all the tanks I need, but small enough to heat easily. There is no wasted space and everything is in arms reach. This is the final Frontier. I will never build another room AGAIN!..... at least not in this house!

I.P.G.A. AGENDA ANNUAL MEETING November 9, 1985

PLACE: Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Toledo, Ohio

10:00 AM Local Time

Roll Call
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Judging Board Report
Membership Report
Publicity Report
Awards Report
Publications Report
Central Clearinghouse Report

Pet Allen
Pat Allen
Ted Labello
Tom Allen
Vi Golinowski
Jim Thale
Bill Orsh
Rich A. Ann Bader
Bob Gu and Mrs Eugene Wiatzka

Old Business:

- vote on the motion by Gene Golinowski that we "accept the female judging standards as printed in the December 1984 bulletin" for inclusion in the Judging Standards Booklet.
- vote on the motion by Gene Golinowski that "the 1st meeting be held during the last two weeks of July or the last two weeks of August."
- vote on the motion by Dennis Hirth that the club hosting the 1st meeting be given preference in choosing a date to fall into the weeks stated in the motion above."
- old business from the floor.
- election of officers for 1986-87 (Elvin Cooney).

New Business:

- ... new business from the floor.

Adjournment.

GUPPY ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL CHICAGO IPGA SANCTIONED 7 POINT SHOW September 7-8, 1985

LOCATION: Community Center Bldg., 39th St. & Clendenning Rd., Downer's Grove, IL

LODGINGS: There are 3 motels within a short distance of the show site. You can pick the motel you prefer and call, making your own reservations. When you call be certain to identify yourself as with the Guppy Group. Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance. The motels are as follows, with their Corresponding rates and locations.

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1-312-325-2500
\$42.00 per room.

SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 7, 1985	9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M. - ?	Register Entries Judging
Sunday Sept. 8, 1985	9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Open to public, open auction Awards presentation Debanching

RULES COVERING THIS 76 CLASS 7 POINT SHOW

1. All entries must be registered by 3:00 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 7, 1985.
2. Judging of entries will begin at 4:00 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 7, 1985.
3. All entries will be judged by current IPGA Standards.
4. Lighting will be by Vita-Lite Fluorescent.
5. Every precaution will be taken to prevent loss of fish, theft, etc., however exhibitor assumes all responsibility for loss.
6. Fish will not be removed from show until awards have been presented, at which time a member of GAIC will remove fish from show area and return them to the exhibitor.
7. The exhibitor must determine the class of competition in which his entry is to be exhibited. Assistance in classification will be available at the time of registration.
8. Awards will be given for first along with cards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places.

SINGLE ENTRIES

All entries are to be exhibited in 1/2 gallon drum bowls, 3/4 filled with water. No gravel, greens or decoration may be used. One female is optional, but will not be judged. Bowls will be available at no charge. Entry fee \$1.50.

NOVICE CLASS

Novice class is open only to those exhibitors who have never won a first place in an IPGA show.

TANK ENTRIES

An entry will consist of two matched males. One female may be added but will not be judged. Entry fee \$2.50. Entries would be exhibited in 1 gallon aquariums available at site.

3 MATCHED FEMALES (BREEDER FEMALES)

Entries will be exhibited in 2 1/2 gallon aquariums. All entries will be judged as one class. Entry fee \$3.50.

5 MATCHED MALES (BREEDER MALES)

Entries will be exhibited in a 3 1/2 gallon aquarium. Two females may be added but will not be judged. All entries will be judged as one class. Entry fee \$3.50.

SHIPPED ENTRIES

All entries mailed must be received by Friday, Sept. 6, 1985 by noon. It would be appreciated that prior notification on all shipments be given.

Entries may be shipped AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY or AIR FREIGHT to:
Frank Barta, 301 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60559, 1-312-920-8794 (Home)
1-800-892-7966 (Work).

CLASSES:

TANK

Red
Blue
Green
Purple
Black
Multi
H/B Red
H/B Blue
H/B Pastel
H/B AOC
AOC
Red Bicolor
B/O Bicolor
AOC Bicolor
Bronze
Albino
Yellow
Snakeskin Solid
Snakeskin Variegated
Gold
Single Sword
Double Sword
Novice
H/B Yellow

DELTA & VEIL

Red
Blue
Green
Purple
Black
Multi
H/B Red
H/B Blue
H/B Pastel
H/B AOC
AOC
Red Bicolor
B/O Bicolor
AOC Bicolor
Bronze
Albino
Snakeskin Solid
Snakeskin Variegated

DELTA & VEIL COMBINED

Gold
Yellow
Novice
H/B Yellow

FEMALES

Red
Blue/Green
Albino
H/B Red
H/B AOC
AOC
Gold
Black
Novice
Bronze

BREEDER MALES

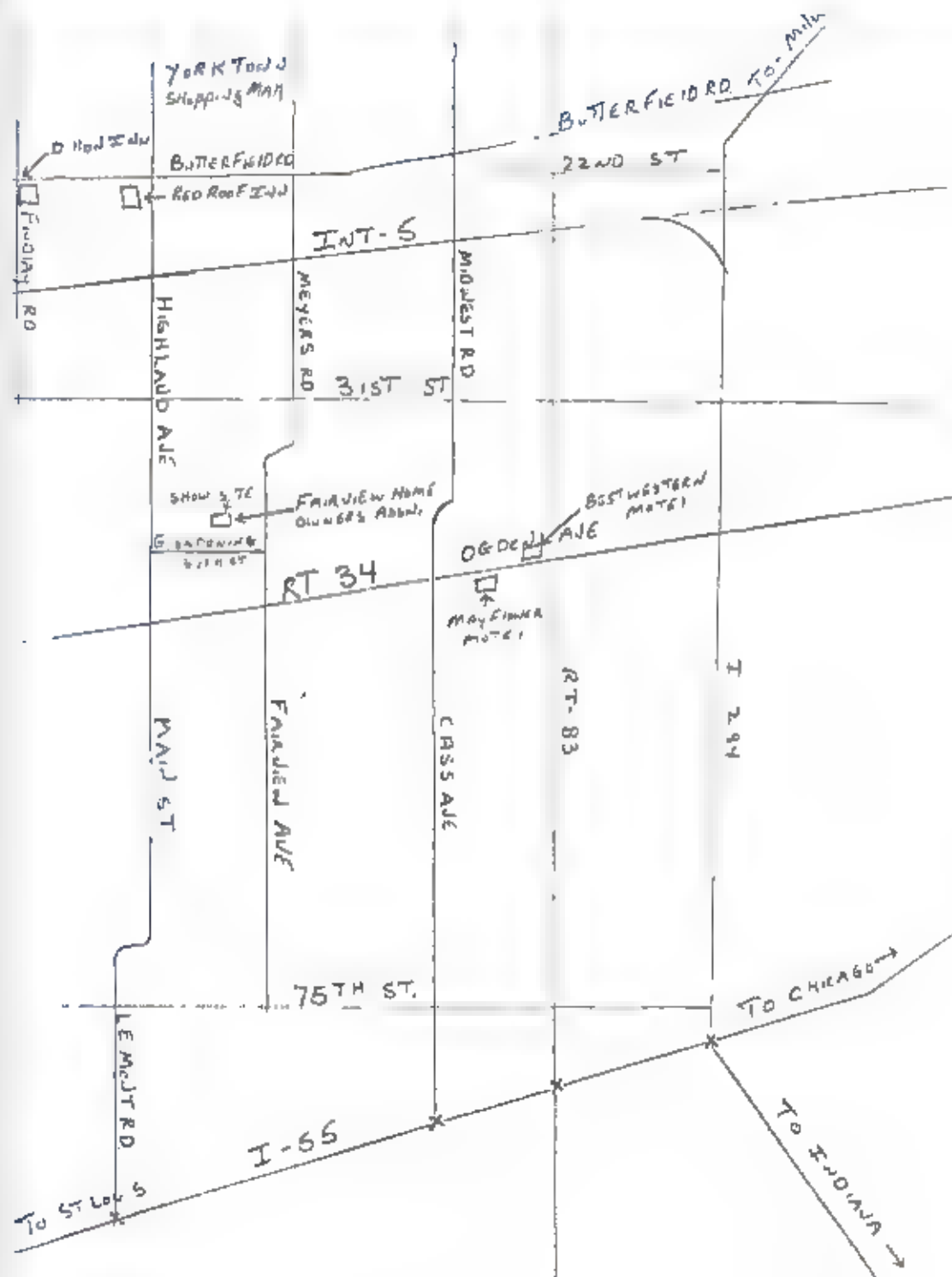
All Colors combined.

BREEDER FEMALES

All colors combined.

SINGLES

Single Sword
Double Sword



Having sent fish to shows for several years with only the normal amount of troubles, I could not fathom the sudden rash of returning fish with severe tail rot, weak and dying. After checking my containers, Ph of shipping water and every-thing else I could think of, I talked to Jim Thale who had handled my show fish for years. We could not understand. Everything seemed the same. Of course, we checked everything again.

While visiting and playing milkman, my little granddaughter put some water in my empty plastic milk bottles. The bottles were used to send water to the shows for tank entries. I thought nothing of her playing with the bottles as they had been cleaned with bleach. After she left the next day, I went to clean and store the jugs. When I took the caps off - wow! How could these jugs be sour?! Before show use they had been washed with soap and water. They were then submerged in a tub of strong bleach water for two days and then thoroughly rinsed with fresh water.

Is it possible for some of the milk residue to penetrate the plastic and come out in the water later? Perhaps someone else has used these to transport fish water and has had unexplained trouble. BEWARE! Has someone the equipment and know how to make a few tests? I am no longer using these containers. I now only use distilled water and clean bleach jugs. There has only been one show since and all was OK. Hope this might help someone.

BANK'S MOTTER

by Ann Bader

This month I was faced with a rare dilemma - an abundance of material for the bulletin. Since the minutes, show rules and show results were a must I was forced to hold two of the more lengthy articles for next month's bulletin. I hope I will save the under-raging of the two authors on this. So next month don't miss these excellent articles!

Part II - Genetics by Josh Wilson
20 Years of Waiting -
The Case for the Widowtail by Bob Fisher

Proof that "Guppy" people are special was evident at the Cleveland show. Capt. Frank Orscoe's plea for "HELP" (IFGA-Feb, 1985) was answered by a good turn-out of hobbyists from all areas of the country. Since Rich and I are only going to be able to make a few shows this year I'm glad we didn't miss this one. Some faces we hadn't seen in quite sometime were those of Harold Morgan, Don and Millie Craft and Alex Kovacs. One of the most pleasant surprises was finally meeting correspond- ing members Mr. and Mrs. Oder Ray, of North Carolina, who were attending their first IFGA show. We sincerely hope that they will be able to join us again. Eugene and Rosemarie Wiatska, who had just returned from a vacation in Europe, brought with them pictures of their trip. Everyone especially enjoyed the photos of Astrid Young's family and her fish room in Austria. Thanks Cleveland - for a great weekend!

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One nice aspect of our organization... the IFGA... is the relative freedom we allow breeders when exhibiting their fish. Unlike most local societies, anyone can participate in our shows. We only ask that everyone follow just one rule -- that the fish be BORN and RAISED in their tanks. In spite of this very simple code of honor, from time to time we get reports of individuals who are suspected of breaking this rule. In some cases, it may be ignorance - they simply don't know about "the code". In others, it's just blatant cheating. I don't want to make this into a police action and take the fun out of our hobby but, if it continues, the offenders will be exposed. It's sure to be an embarrassment to the IFGA and a blemish on the reputation of the persons involved.

Congratulations to Paul Evans and Jerry Williams for their novice awards at Cleveland and to Frank Collins for his two novice trophies in California.

We have to do a better job of supporting the shows in outlying areas. PPGA, as an example, had only 312 total entries and lost a substantial sum of money on the show. You don't have to be a financier to know that clubs won't continue to accept shows if they feel they'll lose money. Instead of a 10-12 show season with shows in different geographical areas, we'll end up with a 1-3 show season with only metropolitan areas such as New York and Chicago being able to host a show. Think about it!!

SHOW SCHEDULE 1985

CLUB	SHOW DATE	CLASSES DUE	RESERVE
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31	May	
Big Apple Guppy Group	April 13-14	May	
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5	June	
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19	June	
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2	July	
East Coast Guppy Association	June 15-16	July	
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30		
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21		
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4		
Guppy Associates International Chicago	September 7-8		
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 8	

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Group and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

The following cartoon was sent to us by Doris Lestalla.

"I would also like to thank my tropical fish for being there when I needed them"
1985 Universal Press Syndicate's

This article was to thank all of you who came to our show or shipped to it! but Ann Pader beat me to the punch last month. Still I hope you all know how much all of us in G.A.G.C. appreciate your help and support and we hope you all come back next year. I said a few months ago, it's the people who make a show a success. Well we certainly had the people at our show and I'm not patting ourselves on the back when I say our show was a great success - I'm patting all of you out there on the back, because it's you who made our show the success it was. I'm looking forward to our show next year and hope you all come back again. All of us in G.A.G.C. enjoy hosting an I.F.G.A. show.

P.S. Anyone who thinks the I.F.G.A. was stronger in the past or better is nuts - our show with all the out of town guests proves that someday we'll consider these years as the best years in the I.F.G.A. I've been active in the hobby for ten years and we never had more people who really care for the I.F.G.A. than we do right now! Let's keep the ball rolling on this upward trend.

GENETICS - PART II

by Josh Wilson
Pennsylvania Keystone
Guppy Association

Mendel And The Laws Of Chance:

In applying statistics to the study of genetics, the laws of chance apply to biology as they do to the physical sciences. Toss a coin. The chance that it will turn up heads is fifty-fifty, or $\frac{1}{2}$. The chance that it will turn up tails is also fifty-fifty, or $\frac{1}{2}$. The chance that it will turn up one or the other is certain, or one chance in one. Now toss two coins. The chance that one will turn up heads is again $\frac{1}{2}$. The chance that the second will turn up heads is also $\frac{1}{2}$. The chance that both will turn up heads is $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{1}{4}$. The probability of two independent events occurring together is simply the probability of one occurring alone multiplied by the probability of the other occurring alone. The chance of both turning up tails is similarly $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. The chance of the first turning up tails and the second turning up heads is $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$, and the chance of the second turning up tails and the first heads is $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$. We can diagram this in a Punnett square:

	H	T	
H	HH	HT	n-heads
T	HT	TT	T Tails

Notice: That the chance of both coins coming up heads is 25%.
That the chance of both coins coming up heads and tails is 50%.
That the chance of both coins coming up tails is 25%.
Total = 100%

If heads would indicate a dominant gene we would have a 3:1 phenotype ratio and a 1:2:1 genotype ratio... So you see there is no big mystery if we look at genes following the laws of probability and chance... or is there?

Up to this time we have confined our study to single pairs of traits: red vs white flower, round vs wrinkled seeds, yellow vs green seeds. (Article in May 1985 bulletin IFGA) Is there a relation between the different traits: were wrinkled

seeds just as likely to be yellow as green, or were they more likely to be one or the other? Mendel produced plants that bred true for two traits. Some plants were producing round-yellow seeds through successive inbred generations, for example, and others would produce wrinkled-green seeds. Since the genes in each pair were identical for each trait, the genotype (genetic make-up) for round-yellow seeds is (RRYY), and for the wrinkled-green seeds (rryy). Both are homozygous; capital letters denote dominant, lower case denote recessive characteristics. When crossing both of these seeds the genotype for each breaks up into as many paired combinations as is possible; in this case (RRYY) = all (RY)s and (rryy) = all (ry)s as shown in the Punnett square below. All F₁ offspring were round and yellow phenotype and (RrYy) genotype, (dominant R = round, dominant Y = yellow)

Figure #5

	RY	ry
RY	RRYY	RrYy
ry	RrYy	rryy

All round yellow hybrid F₁

Now is when it starts to get interesting; let us breed the F₁ offspring (RrYy) genotype with itself. We obtain the two original homozygous types we began with: round-yellow (RRYY) and wrinkled-green (rryy) but in a 9:1 ratio. We also derive two new phenotypes seed we did not have when we started. We developed round-green seeds (RrYY) and wrinkled-yellow seeds (rrYy) genotype. The over all ratio is 16:3:3:1.

		RrYy			
		RY	Ry	rY	ry
RrYy	RY	RRYY round yellow	RrYy round yellow	RrYY round yellow	RrYy round yellow
	Ry	RrYy round yellow	RrYY round yellow	RrYy round yellow	Rryy round green
	rY	RrYy round yellow	RrYy round yellow	rrYY wrinkled yellow	rrYy wrinkled yellow
	ry	RrYy round yellow	Rryy round green	rrYy wrinkled yellow	rryy wrinkled green

Figure #6

Does Mendel's earlier law still apply? Do the round and wrinkled seeds still appear in the 3:1 ratio (dominant to recessive phenotype), as well as the yellow to green seed ratio? Count them and see if you don't find 12 round seeds and four wrinkled seeds or 12:4 = 3:1 ratio. Also we still have 12 yellow seeds to 4 green seeds or a dominant to recessive ratio of 3:1. New combinations of traits were created from the dihybrid cross because the alleles (each member of a pair or combination of genes) for seed shape and color were separated (assorted) and distributed independently of each other during the production of gametes. The concept that pairs of alleles can be assorted independently of each other is known as Mendel's second law, the PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENT ASSORTMENT.

Discussion: How can we start to make use of these findings and the laws of genetics? Suppose we find a strain of male guppy with a small brilliant red dorsal. Red is usually a dominant color and is very often a problem to get rid of in other strains because it is so dominant. Now if we look for a strain which consistently produces large full dorsals with little or no color and cross them we can plan on producing a new type male with a large brilliant red dorsal! You really think so...how confident are you with what was covered so far?

Yes, it is possible, but "WHEN" you ask? If the red is dominant (R) and we can be fairly sure it is, and if the large size dorsal gene is dominant (Y); then let (y) indicate the small dorsal and (r) indicate the clear or light dorsal color. In this case we will have our desired result in the first generation F-1. Again (RRyy) = brilliant red, small dorsal; and (rrYY) = clear or light, large dorsal. Then RRyy x rrYY = all RrYy (Figure #5) in which the phenotype would be brilliant red large dorsal male F-1. However when we breed this generation we will not have a pure strain; what we are looking for is RRYY or we can continue the RRyy strain along with the rrYY strain and continue to cross them to obtain the desired brilliant red large dorsal males and throw away all the females F₁. Or we could breed into the F-2 generation and isolate the RRYY genotype males and females as in the following example with a test cross (see Note!).

On the other hand, if the small size dorsal gene is dominant (Y), and the large dorsal gene is recessive; then according to figure #4 (May IFGA issue) all dorsals will be brilliant red and small in the F₁ generation (RrYy genotype). Raising this generation and breeding the F₁ x F₁ (brother and sister) as in figure #5; we will have a male ratio of:

- 9 red small dorsals (RRYY)
- 3 red large dorsals (RrYY)
- 3 clear small dorsals (rrYy)
- 1 clear large dorsal (rrYY)

Let's keep things simple and say we have a drop of 32, of which 16 are male and 16 female. Of the 16 males we should have three red large dorsal fish to choose from because the phenotype shows the genotype, but only in the male. Now we come to the 16 females, only three of which carry the (RrYy) genotype to give us a pure strain. We can breed the selected male to all 16 females, separate the drops in sixteen tanks and then divide the sexes and tie up 32 tanks. When you can see the dorsal color you can discard those four drops that have clear dorsals (rrYy and rryy) and free eight more tanks; then raise the remaining red dorsal fish until the size difference is very apparent and discard 18 more tanks (RRYY)...you now have a strain in the remaining six tanks (RrYy) that will throw 75% pure brilliant red large dorsals as shown in Figure #7.

		RrYy	
		Ry	ry
RrYy	Ry	RRYY	RrYy
	ry	RrYy	rryy

Figure #7.

NOTE: 25% of this drop will be (RRYY) and by using a testcross with all recessive genes (rryy) you can finally select the females (RRYY) that will produce a strain that will breed 100% true for large red dorsals.

Homozygous RRyy x homozygous rryy will give 100% heterozygous F-1 offspring, whereas heterozygous RrYy x homozygous rryy will give a 1:1 ratio of 50% heterozygous RrYy and 50% homozygous rryy in F-1 offspring.

Next month - Part III will cover basic chromosomes as carriers of genes (independent and linked.)

June 1-2, 1985

PAN PACIFIC GUPPY ASSOCIATION
SHOW RESULTS

112 Entries

JUDGES: Jim Alderson, Frank Chong

OBSERVERS: Carl Hutter, Jack Rosengarten, Toby Ann Kotner, Frank Collins,
Ron Hongo, David Waxler, Warren Bekow

BEST OF SHOW

TANK: (Red)	(Green)	(AOC)	(H/B AOC)
James Alderson	M & D Lastella	James Alderson	M & D Lastella
MALE: (Blue Delta)	(AOC Delta)	(H/B AOC Delta)	(Red Veil)
M & D Lastella	James Alderson	M & D Lastella	James Alderson
FEMALE: (AOC)	(Bl/Gr)	(H/B AOC)	(Bronze)
E & W Miller	E & W Miller	Toby Ann Kotner	M & M Golinowski
BREEDER MALE: (?)			
M & D Lastella	James Alderson	James Alderson	James Alderson
BREEDER FEMALE: (?)			
Frank Barta	E & W Cooney	Frank Barta	Bryan Chin

BLUE	TANK (4)	DELTA (4)	VEIL (3)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Bill Orth
Bill Orth		James Alderson	Bill Orth
Bill Orth		Bill Orth	Bill Orth
James Alderson		James Alderson	M & D Lastella
RED	(4)	(7)	(8)
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
T & P Allen		James Alderson	James Alderson
GREEN	(6)	(7)	(6)
M & D Lastella		James Alderson	James Alderson
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
James Alderson		James Alderson	Frank Ortesa
James Alderson		M & D Lastella	Rev. Lloyd Groenke
PURPLE	(5)	(6)	(6)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Eugene Golinowski
Bill Orth		Eugene Golinowski	Bill Orth
T & P Allen		James Alderson	T & P Allen
T & P Allen		James Alderson	Eugene Golinowski
BLACK	(3)	(10)	(1)
Reginald Day		E & W Cooney	Bill Orth
D & R Rush		E & W Cooney	
Reginald Day		Reginald Day	
		Bryan Chin	

P.G.A. RESULTS

MULTI	TANK (4)	DELTA (2)	VEIL (5)
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Bev Richmond
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Bev Richmond
J & B Longer			Frank Mormino
J & B Longer			Frank Mormino
AOC	(5)	(6)	(3)
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
Bev Richmond		James Alderson	Bill Orth
SNAKESKIN SOLID:	(4)	(8)	(3)
Frank Ortesa		M & M Golinowski	Frank Ortesa
T & P Allen		T & P Allen	Frank Ortesa
Frank Ortesa		James Alderson	T & P Allen
T & P Allen		T & P Allen	
SNAKESKIN VAR:	(7)	(8)	(10)
R & A Albright		Frank Barta	Frank Barta
Toby Ann Kotner		R & A Albright	R & A Albright
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	R & A Albright
R & A Albright		James Alderson	Frank Chong
H/B BLUE:	(4)	(7)	(2)
M & D Lastella		Toby Ann Kotner	Bob Peterson
		Toby Ann Kotner	M & D Lastella
		Toby Ann Kotner	
		M & D Lastella	
H/B RED	(6)	(6)	(6)
James Alderson		James Alderson	James Alderson
James Alderson		James Alderson	Bill St. Clair
Vic Piteo		Vic Piteo	Vic Piteo
Vic Piteo		James Alderson	Vic Piteo
H/B PASTEL:	(2)	(2)	(1)
James Alderson		James Alderson	Bill Orth
Bill Orth		James Alderson	
H/B AOC:	(1)	(4)	(1)
M & D Lastella		M & D Lastella	Bill Orth
		Toby Ann Kotner	
		Toby Ann Kotner	
		BOB	
RED BI:	(4)	(7)	(4)
Bev Richmond		Bob Peterson	Ted Lobello & family
Frank Mormino		Frank Mormino	Ted Lobello & family
Bob Peterson		Bob Peterson	Ted Lobello & family
Ted Lobello & family		Ted Lobello & family	Ted Lobello & family
BI/GR BI:	(2)	(6)	(4)
David Niedzialkowski		David Niedzialkowski	Bill St. Clair
BOB		Bill St. Clair	Leonard Buttafuoco
		David Niedzialkowski	Leonard Buttafuoco
		David Niedzialkowski	Disq.

P.F.G.A. RESULTS.....

	TANK	DELTA	VEIL
AOC ST	(5)	(4)	(2)
James Alderson	James Alderson	Jim Jirku	
James Alderson	James Alderson	DOB	
Jim Jirku	E & W Cooney		
Jim Jirku	Jim Jirku		
ALBINO:	(9)	(12)	(9)
Bill St. Clair	James Coleman, Jr.	Bill St. Clair	
James Coleman, Jr.	James Coleman, Jr.	Bill St. Clair	
James Coleman, Jr.	Bill St. Clair	Bill St. Clair	
Bill St. Clair	James Coleman, Jr.	Earl Rutter	
BRONZE:	(1)	(2)	(2)
T & P Allen	T & P Allen	Bill Orth	
	Disq.	Eugene Golimowski	
GOLD:	(1)	(1)	(1)
Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski	Eugene Golimowski	

	TANK	COMBINED
L/B YELLOW:	(2)	(2)
J & B Longor	J & B Longor	
J & B Longor	Bill St. Clair	
YELLOW:	(3)	(3)
E & W Cooney	David Polunas	
David Polunas	E & W Cooney	
David Polunas	David Polunas	
SINGLE SWORD:	(1)	
M & M Golimowski		
DOUBLE SWORD:	(0)	
NOVICE:	(0)	(1)
		Frank Collins

	MALES	
RED: (2)	AOC: (6)	GOLD: (1)
S & B Miller	S & B Miller	M & M Golimowski
Disq.	S & B Miller	
	Disq.	
	Disq.	
BL/GR: (6)	H/B AOC: (2)	H/B RED: (3)
S & B Miller	Toby Ann Kotner	S & B Miller
R & A Albright	S & B Miller	S & B Miller
S & B Miller		Frank Collins
Frank Barta		
NOVICE: (2)	ALBINO (3)	BRONZE: (3)
Frank Collins	M & M Golimowski	M & M Golimowski
Heleen Kogemann	Frank Chang	T & P Allen
	Frank Chang	T & P Allen

P.F.G.A. RESULTS.....

	FEMALES
BLACK: (10)	
Reginald Day	
D & R Rush	
D & R Rush	
D & R Rush	

DON'T BE AFRAID!
by Capt. Frank Ortaca
Guppy Associates Greater
Cleveland

One show 593 entries with about 25 entries arriving too late to be entered. Another show 312 entries - many of the entries from their own club members. Why the difference?? People are afraid to ship a long distance and lose their fish. I'm talking about the Pan Pacific show. Without strong support by one of their club members they would have had a very poor number of entries.

I admit I felt hesitant about shipping "all the way to California" but after thinking about it I came to this conclusion. To ship from Cleveland to New York I mail my fish on Wednesday morning. To ship from Cleveland to California I still ship my fish on Wednesday morning. When I ship to New York my fish arrive home around Tuesday after the show. When I ship to California my fish still arrive home around Tuesday after the show.

No matter where they are going your fish are gone about seven days anyway. What difference does it make if their plane ride is three hours longer. That is the only difference shipping close or far. It all boils down to your fish still leaving and coming home at the same time. Our fish just got back from the California show today. They arrived at Rod Rush's house this morning and I picked them up at 8:30 P.M. By the time I came home and unpacked them it was 11:30 P.M. The fish were in great condition. Only one fish had a split in his tail and that could happen to a fish who never leaves your fish room. The awards I received are some of the nicest I have received this year - they were mailed with the fish. I also received a copy of the show results and guess what else - a first place in California earns 70 points towards a class, the same points you would get in a show in Cleveland, New York or Chicago! Any club hosting a show should get 500 entries and that should be our goal next year. Let's hope, with the tough time we have in finding clubs to host a show, that Pan Pacific has a show next year. And if they do, take it from me you have nothing to be afraid of in shipping your fish.

20 YEARS OF WAITING -
The Case for the Widelail-Part 3
by Bob Fisher
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In two previous articles on this subject an attempt was made to show that the Widelail guppy is a genetic improvement over the Veil and Delta guppies and an argument was advanced to show the need for a Widelail "standard", and a suggested "standard" was proposed for IFGA consideration. Apparently this has gained general acceptance by many breeders, several of whom have expressed their personal support in this area. There remains however an attitude of skepticism on the part of a few who still feel that the Delta represents the ultimate in guppy development. I could not disagree more with this lack of vision on the part of the skeptics who

have steadfastly resisted every effort for the last 20 years to get recognition for the Widelail variety.

Our President Tom Allen, in his newsletter, has stated factually that the reason for failure of the earlier attempts to gain recognition were due in large measure to lack of entries when classes were made available back in 1972. We feel sympathy for those clubs who made the effort to graciously open up classes, which obviously failed to pay their way to offset cost of trophies, etc. Tom goes on to tell us that at the Columbus annual, "the class was dropped by delegates since it was felt the class did not benefit the majority of "breeders". This was in the fall of 1972, but now it is 12 years later. Did that decision benefit the Guppy? What I think everybody should be made aware of is that this whole debate started way back in 1955. At that time Pete Hutter, Dick Eisenmann, Ralph Fisher, Stanley Mook and several others were showing Widelails in the Delta class and winning with them, the debate re Widelails versus Deltas began at that time and now after 20 years it is still an unresolved issue, because for 20 years nobody can agree on a proper standard or define the mechanics of how to introduce a new variety into the present show set up without incurring extra expense and reduced revenues.

At the Big Apple show in New Jersey I took a long hard look at the winning fish in the Delta group. Most of these fish exceeded the 60 degree angle of spread standard by 5 to 25 degrees. Most were relatively on the high side of the standard, which leads me to believe that breeders want it so and that most are having trouble holding their fish down to the standard shape. The fish want to move ahead but breeders cannot permit this if they want to continue winning in Delta classes.

A suggestion has been advanced by a Western New York club member, whose name I do not know, which could make the job of classification much simpler. "All fish below 60 degrees be classed as veil; all fish from 60 to 90 degrees be classed as deltas; all fish from 90 degrees and up be classed as widelails." This suggestion has my support because it makes sense.

Getting back to the subject, surely after 20 years of waiting on the sidelines it is time to take the wraps off the guppy and permit the development of the genus to progress. I doubt if there is one breeder who would not favor this if polled privately, as evidenced by the favorable response my first two articles received from several of the breeders I talked to at the Big Apple show, because like myself they too realize the need for a standard and room on the show bench for this variety. Or are we like the delegates at the Columbus meeting to go on record in 1981 as collectively voting a superior variety of guppy out of existence, by failing to take the necessary steps in achieving recognition for the variety and by subjugating it to another 20 years on the sidelines.

Widelails exist! However one would surely never know it from the class entry at Big Apple - only 4 entries were submitted in one single all inclusive class. What is the reason, what is wrong? Several things - No Standard! No Color Classes! No Female Classes! No Tank Entries! Not Eligible For Best Of Show! All this equals NO SUPPORT! It is fairly obvious that something has to be done to overcome these obstacles but in a way that will give breeders time to get their entries ready, and the IFGA time to set a standard and qualify judges in this variety. To open up Widelail classes without a proper foundation is nonsensical and wastes funds. The transition to Widelail classes has to be preplanned over several years in order to prevent excess costs to clubs and to stay currently with available entries. The European clubs have already made the transition as evidenced on page 25 of the IFGA May issue. Note! Four Fantail (Widelail classes) versus one only Veil class.

We are in a situation where we ask the age old question "Which comes first the chicken or the egg?". Should the IFGA open up the classes first in the hope the entries will come in, or should breeders swap the Delta classes with Widelails as in 1965 to force the issue? Neither! First lay the foundation by working on the STANDARD! Then phase in the new classes and phase out some of the older classes that are unsupported. I would like to suggest a time table that could work.

1985-1986: An IFGA committee to present a simple, no nonsense draft standard for clubs to consider, debate and approve at the annual meeting (fall of 1986). This would allow 18 months for consultation and negotiation of the standard and would give breeders 18 months to prepare entries.

1986-1987: Open up a limited number of color and tank classes, suggest 10 maximum in the first year, phase out the 10 least supported classes from other varieties based on the 1985-1986 overall show entry averages.

1987-1988: Give a limited number of Veil, Delta and Widelail color and tank classes equal billing as mandatory for all shows and allow show giving clubs the opportunity to fill in the remaining classes based on their area's needs.

Working on this proposed timetable the Widelail classes would offset the poorly supported classes - the 70 class show would be maintained. Costs would remain as now except for inflation, and revenues might improve slightly because of more overall entries per show.

It is my personal belief that the entire future of the hobby and the fancy guppy lies with the Widelail variety and if the hobby is to progress in North America and keep pace with the remainder of the world, it will only do so when this variety is given its rightful place on the show bench. Once the "standard" is set everyone will have a new goal to achieve in the fish room, which is where it happens.

One does not wish to labor the issue or flog a dead horse. Serious breeders interested in the future of the guppy do not need to be prodded or pushed into making decisions which are right for the guppy and the hobby in general. A breeder's goal is always onwards and upwards, but for 20 years now this onwards and upwards progress has been stalled because of the aforementioned inadequacies. I look to the IFGA as the representative body who alone can collectively act to remove the roadblock and allow progress to resume. I believe it is an issue that concerns us all and that it should be added to the agenda of this year's annual meeting and the delegates polled for approval of the suggested committee to begin work on the "standard".

20 years of waiting is a long time, one might say that because it has been unresolved for so long a period it could rightly be classed as - unfinished business!

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June 15-16, 1985

EAST COAST JOFFY ASSOCIATION SHOW RESULTS

LDR. Ruffies

JUDGES: Doris Lastella, Frank Jamol, Dave Polunas, Vic Piteo, Barbara Rirth, Dennis Rirth, Marilyn Johnson

ASS T JUDGES: Frank Schulterbrandt, Bonnie Campbell, Ken Klimpel, Paul Blood

OBSERVERS: Gary Meli, Carl Addicks, Irwin Solomon, John O'Brien, Tim Barbano, Bob Scheersmidt, Master Anselm, Jerry Williams, Josh Wilson, Al Bount, Tom Jacobellis

BEST OF SHOW

TANK: James Alderson	M & D Lastella	James Alderson	M & D Lastella
MALE: James Alderson	M & D Lastella	James Alderson	M & D Lastella
FEMALE: E & W Cooney	M & B Miller	Harold Bryant	Jim Thale
BREEDER MALE: (7) James Alderson	M & D Lastella	Joe Smith	Joe Smith
BREEDER FEMALE: (5) Harold Bryant	Frank Barta	Frank Barta	E & B Miller

	TANK (11)	DELTA (12)	VEIL (13)
RED:	James Alderson James Alderson James Alderson T & P Allen	James Alderson Joe Smith Joe Smith Joe Smith	T & P Allen James Alderson John O'Brien John O'Brien
BLUE:	(7) M & D Lastella Joe Smith M & D Lastella M & D Lastella	(10) M & D Lastella M & D Lastella M & D Lastella E & J Orth	(5) B & J Orth B & J Orth B & J Orth M & D Lastella
GREEN:	(10) James Alderson M & D Lastella M & D Lastella M & D Lastella	(8) M & D Lastella Rev. Lloyd Groenke M & D Lastella James Alderson	(5) M & D Lastella James Alderson Rev. Lloyd Groenke Disq.
PURPLE:	(7) M & D Lastella M & D Lastella M & D Lastella Eugene Galimowski	(8) T & P Allen M & D Lastella T & P Allen M & D Lastella	(7) Eugene Galimowski T & P Allen M & D Lastella B & J Orth
BLACK:	(7) D & B Bush Reginald Day D & B Bush Jack Fitzsimmons	(7) E & W Cooney Reginald Day E & W Cooney Reginald Day	(3) Reginald Day Reginald Day Reginald Day

F.C.C.A. RESULTS.....

	TANK (3)	DELTA (4)	VEIL (8)
MULTI:	J & B Longar Frank Mormino Frank Mormino	Arthur Hints Frank Mormino Frank Mormino Tom Jacobellis	Rev Richmond J & B Longar Rev Richmond Frank Mormino
N/B RED:	(7) Stan Shubel Vic Piteo Vic Piteo Stan Shubel	(13) Stan Shubel James Alderson Vic Piteo Stan Shubel	(10) Vic Piteo Vic Piteo Vic Piteo James Alderson
N/B BLUE:	(6) M & D Lastella M & D Lastella A & R Wagner A & R Wagner	(8) M & D Lastella M & D Lastella M & D Lastella A & R Wagner	(8) Leonard Buttafuoco Bob Peterson M & D Lastella Leonard Buttafuoco
N/B PASTEL:	(1) B & J Orth	(1) James Alderson	(1) B & J Orth
N/B ACC:	(3) M & D Lastella M & D Lastella Ken Klimpel	(12) M & D Lastella M & D Lastella M & D Lastella M & D Lastella	(2) B & J Orth Stephen Kwattler
ACC:	(7) Tom Jacobellis Rev Richmond Rev Richmond Tom Jacobellis	(11) James Alderson James Alderson James Alderson Tom Jacobellis	(5) B & J Orth Tom Jacobellis Tom Jacobellis Disq.
RED BI:	(4) Rev Richmond Frank Mormino Bob Peterson ?	(4) Frank Mormino Bob Peterson Bob Peterson Disq.	(4) Tom Jacobellis & family Ted Jacobellis & family Disq. Disq.
B/G BI:	(2) Leonard Buttafuoco Leonard Buttafuoco	(6) Bill St. Clair Harold Bryant Harold Bryant Harold Bryant	(5) Bill St. Clair Harold Bryant Harold Bryant Leonard Buttafuoco Disq.
ACC BI:	(3) James Alderson Jim Jirku Jim Jirku	(7) Tom Jacobellis Jim Jirku Ken Klimpel Disq.	(4) Arthur Hints Jim Jirku Jim Jirku Jim Jirku
SKIN SOLID:	(4) Frank Orteca Frank Orteca T & P Allen Frank Orteca	(1) T & P Allen	(4) Frank Orteca T & P Allen Frank Orteca Disq.

E.C.G.A. RESULTS.....

	TANK	DELTA	VEAL
	(6)	(7)	(4)
SNAKESKIN VAR:			
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	R & A Albright
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	R & J Orth
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	R & A Albright
R & A Albright		R & A Albright	R & A Albright

	TANK	COMBINED
	(2)	(3)
H/B YELLOW:		
J & B Longer		J & B Longer
J & B Longer		J & B Longer
		Bill St. Clair

ALBINO	(6)	(8)
James Coleman, Jr.		James Coleman, Jr.
James Coleman, Jr.		James Coleman, Jr.
Bill St. Clair		Bill St. Clair
Bill St. Clair		James Coleman, Jr.

BRONZE	(2)	(3)
T & P Allen		T & P Allen
B & J Orth		Eugene Golimowski
		Eugene Golimowski

YELLOW:	(3)	(5)
Dave Polunas		Dave Polunas
Dave Polunas		Dave Polunas
B & W Cooney		Disq.

GOLD:	(1)	(1)
Eugene Golimowski		Eugene Golimowski

SNOWTAIL:	(0)	(8)
		Terry Pulvidante
		Terry Pulvidante
		Jim Thale
		Terry Pulvidante

NOVICE.	(0)	(1)
		Pete Pulvidante

FEMALES

RED: (5)	GOLD: (7)	BL/GR: (9)
Arthur Hince	Harold Bryant	Harold Bryant
Disq.	Disq.	Harold Bryant
Disq.	Disq.	Harold Bryant
Disq.	Disq.	Harold Bryant

BLACK: (8)	H/B AGC: (19)	BRONZE: (3)
Jim Thale	B & W Cooney	T & P Allen
D & R Rush	Nestor Anselmi	M & M Golimowski
D & R Rush	Nestor Anselmi	T & P Allen
D & R Rush	Nestor Anselmi	

H/B RED: (2)	NOVICE: (0)	AGC: (7)
S & B Miller		S & B Miller
S & B Miller		S & B Miller
		Jim Thale

I.F.G.A. POINT STANDINGS AS OF JUNE 18, 1985

RED CLASS	PTS	BLACK CLASS	PTS
1 James Alderson	2016	1 D & R Rush	2580
2 John O'Brien	868	2 Reginald Day	756
3 Joe Smith	630	3 R & W Cooney	588
4 Darrell Johnson	490	4 D & D Oryl	280

BLUE CLASS	PTS	MULTI CLASS	PTS
1 M & D Lastella	1306	1 Frank Mormino	2800
2 B & J Orth	1218	2 Bev Richmond	1288
3 Joe Smith	672	3 J & B Longer	742
4 James Alderson	476	4 J & V Wilson	126

GREEN CLASS	PTS	AOC CLASS	PTS
1 Rev. Lloyd Greenko	1526	1 James Alderson	1400
2 M & D Lastella	1302	2 Bev Richmond	1036
3 James Alderson	1246	3 Thomas Jacobellis	742
4 Frederick Roll	476	4 S & B Miller	574

TURPIN CLASS	PTS	H/B RED CLASS	PTS
1 M & D Lastella	1340	1 Vic Pisco	1862
2 T & P Allen	1022	2 Stan Shubel	1736
3 Eugene Golimowski	868	3 James Alderson	1218
4 B & J Orth	—	4 Irwin Solomon	322

H/B BLUE CLASS	PTS	RED BICOLOR CLASS	PTS
1 M & D Lastella	1764	1 Bev Richmond	1890
2 A & R Wagner	714	2 Ted Lobello & family	1106
3 Leonard Buttafuoco	700	3 Frank Mormino	868
4 Bob Peterson	392	4 Bob Peterson	826

H/B PASTE: CLASS	PTS	BL/GR BICOLOR CLASS	PTS
1 T & M Ziolski	1778	1 David Wiedzialkowski	1764
2 B & J Orth	714	2 Leonard Buttafuoco	952
3 James Alderson	—	3 Bill St. Clair	728
4 Darrell Johnson	392	4 Steve Sparrow	378

H/B YELLOW CLASS	PTS	AOC BICOLOR CLASS	PTS
1 J & B Longer	2826	1 Jim Jirku	1946
2 Bill St. Clair	532	2 James Alderson	672
3 Charlie Wesch	260	3 J & V Wilson	644
4 Bob Fisher	252	4 Yezid Gutierrez	392

H/B AOC CLASS	PTS	SOLID SNAKESKIN CLASS	PTS
1 M & D Lastella	2408	1 Frank Ortera	2842
2 Stephen Kwartier	1148	2 T & P Allen	1442
3 P & M Todasco	474	3 M & M Golimowski	392
4 B & J Orth	392	4 Paul Goraki	238

VERIC. SNAKESKIN CLASS	PTS	BRONZE CLASS	PTS
1 R & A Albright	2632	1 T & P Allen	1750
2 Frank Barta	1188	2 J & V Wilson	826
3 Rich Hader	—	3 Eugene Golimowski	546
4 Ted Lobello & family	196	4 B & B Orth	238

STANDINGS,,

<u>YELLOW CLASS</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1 David Polunas	2046
2 Bill McGovern	700
3 B & W Cooney	462
4 Ray Winkler	266

<u>GOLD CLASS</u>	
1 Eugene Golimowski	1652
2 -- --	--

<u>RED FEMALE</u>	
1 Eugene Golimowski	252
2 S & B Miller	196
3 J & V Wilson	168
4 Mark Miarka	126

<u>BLACK FEMALE</u>	
1 D & R Rush	504
2 Frank Barta	378
3 Jim Jirka	98
3 J & J Bardoun	98

<u>GOLD FEMALE</u>	
1 M & M Golimowski	356
2 Eugene Golimowski	196
2 Warren Burke	196
4 Frederick Bull	98

<u>ADJ. FEMALE</u>	
1 M & M Golimowski	378
2 S & B Miller	364
3 Frank Barta	224
4 Arthur Hints	70

<u>BREEDER MALE</u>	
1 M & I Laetolia	2380
2 Joe Smith	1750
3 James Alderson	1120
4 T & P Allen	560
4 B & J Orth	560

<u>MALE GRAND OVERALL</u>	
1 M & P Laetolia	9170
2 James Alderson	6545
3 Stan Shube	3255
4 T & P Allen	2240
5 Eugene Golimowski	1960
5 Bill St. Clair	1960
7 Frank Mormino	1855
8 J & B Longer	1750
8 B & J Orth	1750
8 Bev Richmond	1750

<u>SWORDTAIL CLASS</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1 Frederick Roll	1744
2 Don Saurers	1064
3 J & V Wilson	812
4 M & M Golimowski	378

<u>ALBINO CLASS</u>	
1 Bill St. Clair	2450
2 James Coleman, Jr.	896
3 Jose Dugue	420
4 Eugene Golimowski	406

<u>BL/GR FEMALE</u>	
1 Harold Bryant	392
2 Frank Barta	322
3 S & B Miller	308
4 J & V Wilson	196

<u>BRONZE FEMALE</u>	
1 T & P Allen	420
2 J & V Wilson	280
3 M & M Golimowski	154
4 Don Saurers	70

<u>H/B ADJ FEMALE</u>	
1 Milford (Pop) Morgan	238
2 D & D Oryl	224
3 Neator Anselmi	196
4 Warren Burke	182

<u>H/B RED FEMALE</u>	
1 S & B Miller	518
2 Eugene Golimowski	126
2 Don Saurers	126
4 Jim McCarty	70

<u>BREEDER FEMALE</u>	
1 Frank Barta	1848
2 D & R Rush	420
3 J & B Longer	420
4 E & W Cooney	378

<u>FEMALE GRAND OVERALL</u>	
1 M & M Golimowski	1365
2 S & B Miller	1225
3 Frank Barta	770
4 Harold Bryant	525
5 E & W Cooney	455
5 Milford Morgan	455
7 J & V Wilson	420
8 D & R Rush	350
9 T & P Allen	280
10 D & D Oryl	245
10 Don Saurers	245
10 Bartell Johnson	245

TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS

from Bill Orth

As of June 18, 1985 we have two classes that people have defaulted on. They are Gold SnakeSkin class and Black Female class. If anyone would like to sponsor these classes please contact Bill Orth at 1-317-447-7371 (work) or 1-317-589-8493 (home). These classes will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

PROBLEMS WITH SHIPPED-IN ENTRIES

by Peter Tadesco
Fanny Finny Friends

The last two shows that I have mailed my fish to they never got there or arrived too late to be entered into the show. I've had this problem as well as other fellow members. We do not care about our refund - we want our points and the trophy at the end of the year if we have enough points to win one.

I have mailed my fish Express mail on the Thursday morning and if the fish did not arrive until Saturday afternoon - that is unbelievable. The post office seems not to give a hoot about us? Something has to be done. The IFGA officers are going to have to weigh this very carefully. We have to be given time allowance for the post office tardiness. This discourages us from sending our fish to shows if they are not going to be benched.

Number two complaint - a lot of the host clubs are not at home when the mail-ins do arrive. This is another poor outlook for us breeders that mail our fish. If they do not have the time to sit home and wait for shipped-ins then what is the use of us sending to shows. They should have the consideration of staying at home until the time of entries close out for mail-ins. I would like to see this brought up at the next meeting. Something has to be done.

One time my fish were mailed from the Indiana show on Monday morning and did not arrive until Friday afternoon. That was Air Mail Special Delivery. This is a very poor outlook the post office has to the public that pays their salaries. Another thing which I find very distressing. Mail-ins must arrive at a certain time, yet 3 hours later you can still have walk-in entries. One time should be allowed for both. If entries start at 9 AM and close out at 4 PM the mail-ins should not be permitted for coming after the noon hour. Most express mail (overnight) deliveries do not arrive until 2:00 - 2:30 PM. This is the policy of the post office. I do not wish for my fish to spend all that time in transit. That is why I use Express mailing. Air Mail Special Delivery takes too long. But no matter what we do, the postal service is very lax in delivery of our fish.

So I wish this could be a serious discussion about how we can resolve this. I think it is very important. We want to build up our membership - not to discourage people because of this. If you have not had this problem, you are lucky. Some people even have had their fish put into an ice storage and they were delivered dead.

BADER'S BLOTTER

by Ann Bader

Sorry I could not list the color classes that won the Best of Show in the East Coast Guppy Association show results but they were not listed on the copy that was sent to the bulletin.

We have two articles this month on shipping to shows - one positive; the other negative. I'd like to add a few comments on this subject based on our own experiences.

Ways of Shipping: 1) Express Mail - Although this is advertised as "overnight" delivery it does vary from post office to post office. If a host to check ahead of time on exactly what date the fish must be sent in order to reach their destination on schedule. For example: Our local post office has Express mail (24 hour delivery) but only to another post office - not to the individual. If we send from the post office in a larger city near by, they will guarantee overnight delivery directly to the addressed party. We feel, as Frank Orsica, that shipment to any show should be mailed no later than Tuesday or Wednesday, regardless of the method of shipping or where the show is located. 2). If you feel the postal system has not followed thru on their promised delivery time - file your complaint with them. That's what you paid for. 3). We use Air Mail Special Delivery quite often and find that the extra days that the fish are in transit really does not harm them. If the fish are healthy and the container well insulated/well-marked as to contents, the chances of their arrival in good condition are excellent. Cassin point: Rich just sent fish to Oregon - it took 7 days for them to get there - the receiver reported they arrived fine with water temperature of 75 degrees. Perhaps, the main point in shipping to shows is to realize that the actual time the fish spend in transit is not at all harmful to them.

Mail-In Entries: Rich and I have handled the mail-in entries of the MVCA shows for the past several years. I feel the ruling of the Friday deadline is a MISTAKE. Hosting a show is a very busy weekend for all the club members involved and without a doubt Saturday is the most hectic. Anything that can be done during the Friday night set-up time relieves a lot of the pressures of the rest of the weekend. It would be a burden on everyone involved, from those registering entries to those benching the fish, if the walk-in entries and mailed-in entries all had to be done on Saturday. I really believe the fish and the exhibitors receive more reward when the mailed-in entries are taken care of on Friday evening.

When we first had the job of mailed-in entries back in 1982, there were only 2 ways of shipping - Air Mail Special Delivery and Air Freight. The only trip, outside of town, we had to make was to the airport. Last year, with the introduction of all the special delivery services offered, we spent all day Friday running to different places in Toledo, which is 80 miles round trip. In fact, there were 3 trips to Toledo - the last one at 8:00 PM on Friday night. How helpful it would be if the exhibitor would take the time to call the person in charge of his entries letting them know when the fish were sent and at what location they would be arriving. There were some exhibitors who notified us ahead of time and we would check through out the day on Friday for their arrival. Please call AFTER the fish are sent - example: one exhibitor called and said he would be sending entries. Friday arrived - no fish. We called various points trying to find them with no luck. Weeks later we found out that he'd had a change in plans and had never sent the fish. From what I have seen - most clubs hosting a show do make an extra effort to see that all mailed-in entries are benched even if they do arrive after the time deadline. After all, it's to their benefit to have as many entries as possible.

I know it's very discouraging when you have spent time and money to send fish to a show and there is always a risk if not with the postal system even the weather, but if extra precautions are taken the chances are your entries will make it and bring home those winning points. If any of other exhibitors and show chair persons have comments on this problem, let's hear from you. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT by TOM ALLEN

Congratulations go to our latest Novice winners: Pete Pulvino with his lot in the combined class at the SCGA show and to Lorraine Moseley who swept all three classes at the Gateway show.

A reminder to clubs hosting shows: awards must not be slipped back to exhibitors with fish. First, you run the risk of losing fish due to bags being damaged. And as a by-product, it is your responsibility (not the exhibitor's) to pay for the award shipment postage. Check the Blue Book.

Over the years, the IPGA has seen its share of marriages, divorces, births, deaths, etc. among its membership. Recently two of our members, Vi and Gene Golinowski, reached a milestone in their life when they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. To both of you we, the entire membership, congratulate you and offer our wishes for many more years together.

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FROM YOUR SECRETARY

by PAT ALLEN

Here is the list of shows for 1985 and the remaining dates the running show classes should be received by me:

CLUB	SHOW DATE	CLASSES DUE
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31	
Big Apple Guppy Club	April 13-14	
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5	
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19	
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2	
East Coast Guppy Association	June 15-18	
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30	
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21	
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4	May 3
Guppy Associates International, Chicago	September 7-8	June 7
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 8

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Club and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

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GATEWAY GUPPY ASSOCIATION

June 29-30, 1985

SHOW RESULTS

481 Entries

JUDGES: Tom Allen, Gene Golinowski, Mike Golinowski, Everett Goid, Ted Lobello, Bill Orth

ASS'T JUDGES: Bob Albright, Frank Barta, Regina d Day, Harry Hood, Darrell Johnson, Bev Richmond, Ray Winkler

RESERVERS: Jose Dierckx, Duda, B. Giddamner, R. Giddamner, Lorraine Moseley, Pat Vaughan

J.G.A. Results...cont

BEST OF SHOW

MALE: (AOC Delta)	(AOC H/B Delta)	(Purple Delta)	(Red Delta)
James Alderson	Toby Ann Kolner	Frank Barta	James Alderson
EMA B (H/R A)	(Novice)	(C/G)	(A/G)
R&A Albright	Lorraine Moseley	T & P Allen	Frank Barta
TANK (RED)	B&D	(GREEN)	AOC
James Alderson	Bill Orth	Frederick Roll	James Alderson
BREEDER MALES: 7			
M & D LASTELLA	M & D LASTELLA	JAMES A JOHNSON	BILL ST. CLAIR
BREEDER FEMALE: 16			
B & J ORTH	FRANK BARTA	FRANK BARTA	FRANK BARTA

TANK	DELTA	VEIL	FEMALE
RFD: 10)	(12)	(14)	(10)
James Alderson	James Alderson	James Alderson	
James Alderson	Paul Gorski	James Alderson	
James Alderson	James Alderson	E & W Conney	
T & P Allen	James Alderson	T & P Allen	
B&J: 17)	(10)	(6)	(9) B/G
Bill Orth	M&D Lastella	B&J Orth	T&P Allen
Bill Orth	Bill Orth	B&J Orth	T&P Allen
Darrell Johnson	Darrell Johnson	James Alderson	S&B Miller
Bill Orth	M&D Lastella	B&J Orth	B&J Orth
GREEN: (10)	(11)	(6)	
Frederick Roll	James Alderson	M&D Lastella	
James Alderson	Frederick Roll	M&D Lastella	
M&D Lastella	M&D Lastella	Rev Lloyd Groenke	
M&D Lastella	Frederick Roll	Rev Lloyd Groenke	
MULTI: (4)	(6)	(6)	
J&B Longer	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	
Frank Mormino	J&B Longer	Bev Richmond	
J&B Longer	Bev Richmond	Bev Richmond	
Ted Lobello & Family	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	
PURPLE: (7)	(12)	(1)	
T&P Allen	Frank Barta	E. Golinowski	
T&P Allen	M&D Lastella	Bill Orth	
E. Golinowski	E. Golinowski	E. Golinowski	
B&D Orth	James Alderson	E. Golinowski	
AOC: (7)	(7)	(3)	(13)
James Alderson	James Alderson	Thomas Jacobellis	Frank Barta
James Alderson	James Alderson	Thomas Jacobellis	R&A Albright
Bev Richmond	Tom Jacobellis		E. Golinowski
Bev Richmond	Tom Jacobellis		Jim Thale

GGA RESULTS TANK

H/B RED (15)
Stan Shube
Stan Shube
Stan Shube
James Alderson

DELTA

(15)
Stan Shube
Stan Shube
James Alderson
Stan Shube

YELLOW

(6)
Vic Piteo
Vic Piteo
Vic Piteo
James Alderson

REMAINDER

(2)
Disq
Disq

H/B BLUE (16)
M&D Lastela
D&D Oryl
J&D Oryl
A&R Wagner

(18)
M&D Lastela
NYD Oryl
D&D Oryl
D&D Oryl

(4)
Peter Tedesco
Peter Tedesco
A&R Wagner
Peter Tedesco

H/B PASTEL (13)
James Alderson
John Maslar
John Maslar

(13)
James Alderson
John Maslar
Peter Tedesco

(10)

H/B AOC (15)
M&D Lastela
Bill St Clair
B&J Orth
B&J Orth

(19)
Toby Ann Kotner
M&D Lastela
B&J Orth
B&J Orth

(7)
Bill Orth
Bill Orth
Peter Tedesco
Bill Orth

(11)
R&A Albright
Jim Thale
Jim Thale
Frank Barta

H&D RI (10)
Rev Richmond
Ted Lobello & Family
Frank Mormino
Dian

(11)
Bob Peterson
Ted Lobello & Family
Rev Richmond
Bob Peterson

(5)
Ted Lobello & Family
Ted Lobello & Family
Ted Lobello & Family

J&B/GRN BI (13)
D Niezalkowski
D Niezalkowski
D Niezalkowski

(4)
D Niezalkowski
D Niezalkowski
D Niezalkowski
Disq

(3)
Bill St Clair
Bill St Clair
Disq

AOC BI (13)
James Alderson
Bill Orth
Disq

(6)
Thommas Jacobson
Frank Barta

(7)
Jim Jirko
Frank Barta
J&B Langer
Jim Jirko

SNAKESKIN BOLD (13)
T&P Allen
Frank Ortica
Frank Ortica

(6)
James Alderson
T&P Allen
Frank Ortica
Paul Gorsak

(11)
Disq
Disq
Disq

SNAKESKIN VAR (19)
Toby Ann Kotner
R&A Albright
R&A Albright
R&A Albright

(19)
John Maslar
R&A Albright
R&A Albright
Frank Barta

(18)
R&A Albright
R&A Albright
R&A Albright
R&A Albright

A BINO (2)
James Alderson
James Coleman

(1)
James Coleman
James Coleman
James Coleman
James Coleman

(7)
E Golinowski
Bill St Clair
Bill St Clair
Bill St Clair

(5)
M&M Golinowski
M&M Golinowski
Ted Lobello & Family
Bill St Clair

GGA Results cont

BRONZE (2)
T&P Allen
B&J Orth

(5)
James Alderson
T&P Allen
T&P Allen
Regina Golinowski

(10)
E Golinowski
E Golinowski
E Golinowski
T&P Allen

(5)
T&P Allen
T&P Allen
E Golinowski
M&M Golinowski

BLACK (7)
D&D Oryl
J&B Rush
D&B Rush
D&B Rush

(5) COMB
R&W Cooney
Reginald Day
Reginald Day
Peter Tedesco

(9)
Frank Barta
Frank Barta
T&P Allen
Jim Thale

H/B YELLOW (14)
J&B Langer
J&B Langer
J&B Langer
J&B Langer

(3) COMB
J&B Langer
J&B Langer
Bill St Clair

NOVICE TANK (1)
Lorraine Masley

NOVICE COMB (2)
Lorraine Masley
Ron Ashley

YELLOW (4)
Frank Barta
Disq
Disq
Disq

(5) COMB
Frank Barta
David Polunas
E&W Cooney
Disq

OPEN (2)
Frank Barta
Don Saurers

NOVICE FEMALE (1)
Lorraine Masley

ST LOUIS SPECIAL (1)

GOLD (1)
E Golinowski

(1) COMB
E Golinowski

GOLD (3) Female
Al Disq

SINGLE SWORD (7)
Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll
Don Saurers
Frederick Roll

(6) COMB
Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll
Don Saurers

TANK
DOUBLE SWORD (8)
Don Saurers
Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll

DS (4) COMB
Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll
Frederick Roll
Terry Pulvidente

IFGA POINT STANDINGS AS OF JULY 1ST 1985

RED

James Alderson 2618
John O'Brien 868
Joe Smith 630
Darrell Johnson 490

BLACK

D&B Rush 2832
Reginald Day 854
E&W Cooney 858
D&D Oryl 420

BLUE

M&D Lastela 1404
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MULTI

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Rev Richmond 1668
J&B Langer 1392
J&V Wilson 126

GREEN

M&D Lastela 1810
Lloyd Gronke 1596
James Alderson 1428
Frederick Roll 700

AOC

James Alderson 1778
Rev Richmond 1176
Tom Jacobella 938
S&B Miller 574

PURPLE

M&D Lastela 1606
T&P Allen 1274
E Golinowski 1134
J&B Orth 742

H/B RED

Stan Shube 2226
Vic Piteo 2030
James Alderson 1344
Irwin Salomon 322

H/B BLUE

M&D Lastela 1974
A&R Wagner 812
L. Buttafuoco 700
J&D Oryl 434

RED RI

Rev Richmond 2072
Ted Lobello 1442
Frank Mormino 952
Bob Peterson 924

L/B PASTEL

T&P Allen 1778
James Alderson 798
B&J Orth 714
John Maslar 532

BL/GR BI

D Niezalkowski 2268
L. Buttafuoco 952
Bill St Clair 854
Steve Sparrow 378

H/B YELLOW	AOC BI	H/B AOC	SOLID SNAKESKIN
J&B Longer 3344	Jim Jirku 2155	M&D Lastella 2504	Frank Ortesa 3038
Bill St Clair 574	James Alderson 512	Steve Kwartier 1448	T&P Allen 1538
Charlie Zesch 280	J&V Wilson 544	B&J Orth 756	M&M Golomowski 392
Bob Fisher 252	Yasid Gutierrez 383	Peter Tedesco 476	Paul Gorski 308

VARIQ SNAKESKIN	BRONZE	YELLOW	SWORDTAIL
R&A Albright 3136	T&P Allen 2016	David Polunas 2072	Frederick Roll 2640
Frank Barta 1318	J&V Wilson 325	Bill McGovern 700	Don Sauters 1316
Roh Bader 588	E Golomowski 742	E&W Cooney 504	J&V Wilson 810
John Ann Kutsar 252	B&J Orth 350	Ray Winkler 256	M&M Golomowski 378

GOLD	RED FEMALE	A BINO	BL GR FEMALE
E Golomowski 1862	E Golomowski 252	Bill St Clair 2578	Harold Bryant 392
	S&B Miller 196	James Coleman 1344	J&B Longer 350
	J&V Wilson 165	E Golomowski 476	Frank Barta 322
	Mark Marka 126	Joan Dugan 420	J&V Wilson 195

BLACK FEMALE	BRONZE FEMALE	GOLD FEMALE	H/B AOC FEMALE
D&R Rush 504	T&P Allen 546	M Golomowski 338	M Ford Morgan 238
Frank Barta 504	J&V Wilson 280	E Golomowski 186	D&D Gryl 224
T&P Allen 126	M Golomowski 182	Warren Burke 186	Nester Ansaum 196
Jim Jirku 98	Don Sauters 70	Frederick Roll 88	Warren Burke 182
J&J Bardoun 58			
Jim Thae 98			

AOC FEMALE	BREEDER MALE	H/B RED FEMALE	BREEDER FEMALE
M Golomowski 378	M&D Lastella 3010	S&B Miller 518	Frank Barta 2212
S&B Miller 364	Joe Smith 1750	Don Sauters 126	J&B Longer 420
Frank Barta 294	James Alderson 1330	E Golomowski 126	D&R Rush 420
E Golomowski 98	T&P Allen 550	Jim McCarthy 70	E&W Cooney 378
	B&J Orth 550		

GRAND OYSHALL FEMALE	GRAND OYSHALL MALE
M Golomowski 1435	M Ford Morgan 450
S&B Miller 1225	E&W Cooney 455
Frank Barta 980	J&V Wilson 420
T&P Allen 525	R&A Albright 420
Harold Bryant 525	D&R Rush 330
	M&J Lastella 10010
	James Alderson 8280
	Stan Shubel 3465
	T&P Allen 2660
	E Golomowski 2380
	B&J Orth 2310
	Frederick Roll 2240
	J&B Longer 2100
	Bill St Clair 2030
	Frank Mormino 1995

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 HAPPY ASSOCIATES OF MILWAUKEE
 SHOW RESULTS
 494 Entries

JUDGES: Tom Allen, Rich Bader, V Golomowski, Gene Golomowski, Jim Jirku, Doris Lastella, Mike Lastella, Bill Orth, Frank Ortesa, Ted Labella, Ethel Shubel, Stan Shuba.

ASS'T JUDGES: Pat Allen, Dave Arns, Ann Bader, Frank Barta, Mike Golomowski, Bill St Clair, Eugene Wazuka, Josh Wilson

OBSERVERS: Ned Pemocher, Jerry Williams, Guido Ponzoni, Mary Edwards, Gary Edwards, Keith Kelen, Jim Schroeder, Bob Sauer, Bill Cub, Peaty Wagon, A Bino, Ray Rati, Will Power

MALE (AOC)	(AOC DELTA)	(PURPLE)	(H-B RED)
M & D Lastella	James Alderson	M & D Lastella	Stan Shubel
FEMALE (BRONZE)	(RT/GR)	(AOC)	(H/B AOC)
R & P Pas	T & P Allen	T & P Allen	Frank Barta
TANK (AOC)	(P/RT/GR)	(H/B RED)	(BLUE)
James Alderson	M & D Lastella	Stan Shubel	B & J Orth

G A M Results LIST OF SHOW CONT

BREEDER MALE (6) (RED)	(PURPLE)	(H/B B. OR)	(RT)
James Alderson	M & D Lastella	D & D Gryl	James Alderson

BREEDER FEMALE (6)	Frank Barta	B & J Orth	Frank Barta
B & J Orth			

TANK	DELTA	VAIL	FEMALE
RED (11)	(26)	(7)	(10)
James Alderson	T & N Zielinski	James Alderson	T & P Allen
T & P Allen	James Alderson	T & P Allen	Mark Marka
T & N Zielinski	James Alderson	T & N Zielinski	Mark Marka
Joe Smith	James Alderson	John O'Brien	Mark Marka

BLUE (10)	15	(5)	
B & J Orth	Joe Smith	B & J Orth	
Joe Smith	M & D Lastella	B & J Orth	
Stan Shubel	M & D Lastella	B & J Orth	
Stan Shubel	Joe Smith	B & J Orth	

GREEN (10)	(17)	(7)	
James Alderson	M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	Frank Ortesa	
M & D Lastella	James Alderson	Rev Lloyd Groenke	
M & D Lastella	Rev Lloyd Groenke	DISQUALIFIED	

PURPLE (7)	(13)	(9)	
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	
M & D Lastella	Stan Shubel	Peter Tedesco	
T & P Allen	B & J Orth	Peter Tedesco	
T & P Allen	B & J Orth	B & J Orth	

BLACK (5)	(2)	(1)	(7)
D & R Rush	B & J Orth	B & J Orth	Frank Barta
J & R Rush	Peter Tedesco		Frank Barta
B & J Orth			T & P Allen
D & D Gryl			Frank Barta

MULTI (5)	(6)	(7)	
J & B Longer	Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	
Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	Rev Richmond	
Frank Mormino	Frank Mormino	DISQUALIFIED	
Rev Richmond	J & B Longer	DISQUALIFIED	

H B REDS	(17)	(7)	(2)
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	Frank Ortesa	S & B Miller
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	Vic Piten	S & B Miller
Stan Shubel	Stan Shubel	Vic Piten	
Stan Shubel	Frank Ortesa	Vic Piten	

H/B BLUE (8)	(6)	(11)	
M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	Peter Tedesco	
M & D Lastella	David Wexler	Peter Tedesco	
David Wexler	David Wexler	Peter Tedesco	
David Wexler	David Wexler	Leonard Buttafoco	

H/B YELLOW (3)	(4)	(3)	
J & B Longer	J & B Longer	J & B Longer	
J & B Longer	Bill St Clair	Bill St Clair	
Bill St Clair	Bill Klein	DISQUALIFIED	
	Bill Klein		

C A M (1)	10)	(5)	
H/B PASTEL (?)	T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski	
James Alderson	T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski	
T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski	P & R Wiatka	
T & N Zielinski	T & N Zielinski	DISQUALIFIED	
H/B AOC (5)	(8)	(8)	(7)
BL St Clair	M & D Lastella	Peter Tedesco	Frank Barta
M & D Lastella	S & B Miller	B & J Orth	Frank Barta
B & J Orth	M & D Lastella	Peter Tedesco	S & B Miller
Jim Jirku	Bl St Clair	Peter Tedesco	
RED BL (3)	(19)	(4)	
Robert Peterson	Frank Mormino	Ted Lobello & Family	
Bay Richmond	Frank Mormino	Ted Lobello & Family	
Ted Lobello & Family	Ted Lobello & Family	Frank Mormino	
H/GH BL (2)	(5)	(4)	(7)
David Niedzialkowski	David Niedzialkowski	Leonard Bartalucci	T & P Allen
David Niedzialkowski	David Niedzialkowski	Bill St Clair	Frank Barta
	Gene Golinowski	Bl St Clair	Frank Barta
	Gene Golinowski	DISQUALIFIED	Frank Barta
AOC BL (5)	(6)	(9)	
James Alderson	Frank Barta	Frank Barta	
Jim Jirku	Steve Wells	Frank Barta	
Jim Jirku	Steve Wells	Jim Jirku	
Jim Jirku	DISQUALIFIED	Steve Wells	
SNAKESKIN SOLID (?)	(11)	(5)	
Frank Ortesa	Frank Ortesa	Frank Ortesa	
David Wexler	Frank Ortesa	Frank Ortesa	
Frank Ortesa	James Alderson	Frank Ortesa	
Frank Ortesa	Frank Ortesa	Frank Ortesa	
SNAKESKIN VARIGATED (3)(8)	(1)	(2)	
Rich Bader	John Mueller	Rich Bader	
Frank Bader	Rich Bader	B & J Orth	
Rich Bader	Rich Bader		
	Frank Mormino		
AOC (3)	(1)	(1)	(10)
James Alderson	James Alderson	James Alderson	T & P Allen
James Alderson	James Alderson		M&M Golinowski
Dev Richmond			Frank Barta
			M&M Golinowski
GOLD (2)	(2) COMBINED	(3)	
Gene Golinowski	Gene Golinowski	Gene Golinowski	
DISQUALIFIED	DISQUALIFIED	M&M Golinowski	
		DISQUALIFIED	
BRONZE (3)	(6) COMBINED	(4)	
T & P Allen	T & P Allen	Sig Pas	
T & P Allen	James Alderson	T & P Allen	
B & J Orth	E Golinowski	T & P Allen	
	T & P Allen	M&M Golinowski	

C A M Results end

YELLOW (1)	(2) COMBINED	ALBINO TK (8)	(8) CAMBER
Frank Barta	Frank Barta	James Coleman Jr	James Coleman Jr
	DISQUALIFIED	James Coleman Jr	Bl St Clair
	DISQUALIFIED	Bl St Clair	James Coleman Jr
	DISQUALIFIED	James Coleman Jr	Bl St Clair
SINGLE SWORD (5)	(3)		
Frederick Roll	Frederick Roll		
Frederick Roll	Frederick Roll		
Frederick Roll	Frederick Roll		
Frederick Roll	Frederick Roll		
DOUBLE SWORD (3)	(3)	MJ WALKER SPECIAL (2)	
Frederick Roll	Frederick Roll	Frank Barta	
Frederick Roll	David Niedzialkowski	Ted Lobello & Family	
Frederick Roll	Sig Pas		
NOVICE (2)	(2)		(1) Female
Mike Brewer	Mike Brewer		Mike Brewer
Mike Brewer	Mike Brewer		

COMING EVENTS

NORWALK AQUARIUM SOCIETY of Fairfield County, Inc. will present its Twentieth Annual Show and Exhibition at the Nature Center for Environments, Activities 10 Woods de Lane Westport Connecticut, on October 12 and 13 1985. The show will feature the Fifteenth Annual International Cichlid Championship. For information concerning entries and exhibits, please contact Mr. James O'Brien 14 Old Saugstuck Road East Norwalk, Ct, 06855 (203-83-80394).

SECOND INTERNATIONAL GUPPY SHOW 1985 in Hasselt Belgium for the 8th European Championship Show will be held from August 10-10. In the St Jozefcollege, Guffenslaan 27, 33500 HASSELT. Fish should be sent to International Belgische Guppytentoonstelling p/a Frans VAN THIENEN Flinkstraat 69 b, 33512 STEEVOORT LASSELT AVISON. tel 011-31 27 45

BUCKEYE FANCY GUPPY CLUB SHOW at Chapel Hill Mall August 3 & 4 in Akron Ohio. Let's send our Guppy Entries and support the show. If you can attend you will see lots of other types of tropical and gold fish because other groups have their individual fish show in

this large combined show. A big auction that takes hours is a usual occurrence separate from the guppy action. So if you can attend you are sure to have a good time.

GUPPY ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CHICAGO is only one short month away don't forget them they need your support.

DEUTSCHE GUPPY FÖDERATION 32. INTERNATIONAL GUPPY SHOW will be held October 19 to 27 1985 in Berlin. An invitation has been received by IFGA to participate in this outstanding event. Each entry consists of three equal fishes and should arrive by Wednesday the 16th of October. Competition is open to all German and breeders abroad. The address for the transport by air: Air Berlin, Gunter Tischmann, Thyssenstr.28, D-1000 Berlin 31, Tel. 030 4117630.

It is not too early to start making plans for the Annual NOVEMBER 6-9 1985 BE THERE!

SO YOU WANT TO BUY GOOD STOCK

by Josh Wilson

How many times have you wanted to buy good stock to add a new strain, improve an old strain or to experiment with crosses? We hear talk and read articles about breeders using various crosses or that several strains are related to this one because it was from an original cross! Or perhaps you have been raising regular guppies for a while and you feel now is the time to acquire some quality stock. Where do you look for outstanding stock? This was asked of me at the last show by a corresponding member who stopped in to the show hoping to get help and advice. What do we tell them with confidence and in all honesty? Is one source better than another?

1. PET SHOPS: If the shop is large enough and has large tanks which contain about 250 pairs of guppies all of one strain that really do look alike, then chances are they came direct from the fish farm and were not mixed. If there are more than one strain in the tank never buy unless you are positive what the females should look like that go with the male strain you want. But beware the females could be hit by any of the different strains. On the other hand if all 250 pairs are very similar, you can pick the best and be rather confident the strain is pure.

2. SHOW AUCTIONS: Sometimes you can find good fish in the auction but remember you are not picking from 250 look-alike pairs, you are looking at only one pair. Try to find out who bred the fish and how true they are. Some shows require a mate be supplied with every fish to be auctioned, but they don't specify that it must be of the same strain. It therefore could be any hybrid fish. Some breeders want to help the host club and consent to have their fish auctioned. Others use it as a means of getting rid of some hybrid that look good but represent no reasons and therefore there is no reason to take it back home after the show even if it wins a first place. A lot of fish go very cheaply at auctions, especially if there is an over abundance of fish to be auctioned and a lot of multi-colored varieties go for \$1 each. Auction fish usually are 7 to 9 months old show fish that are past their prime for breeding. Remember the longer the caudal the more drag and hindrance to swimming that reduces the chances of the male ever catching that female you want bred. On the other hand remember that a young male does not show all it's good and poor genetic characteristics yet! Then too, even a 12 month old male leaves a lot of questions and often we must wait until the F₂ generation and sometimes even the F-2 generation matures to really evaluate the original (P₁) breeding stock.

3. PROFESSIONAL BREEDERS: We hear a lot about certain breeders who advertise to sell their fish at sometimes rather steep prices. Sometimes they may be worth it but then there are times that their stock has been a poor quality or even suspected imported fish. When such is the case, just the mention of a breeder only the bad is told and everyone recommends you stay away from him, no matter how outstanding he was in the past! If on the other hand you can visit the breeder and see his fish rooms and pick out your fish who could ask for anything more! To order by mail could be a gamble, what is his reputation? Are there any guarantees of live delivery or specified age of fish. Three to four months are best but remember the male dorsal and caudal have many more months of growing and development ahead before you can see the full potential of the finished product. Some of these breeders won their fame in the past with the r-past strains... have they kept them up to the same degree of excellence or tried to improve them since?

4. SHOW WINNERS: Look over the bulletin and write to the breeder who are currently asking the awards in the current show circuit. Now I want to wish you good luck! Some will not sell anything but will not openly admit their position. Some do not sell fish but as a friendly gesture will give you some (there are not many of these around and those I know I must not advertise). Some will give every reason imaginable they are not getting any drops, the strain is almost wiped out by disease, they are not breeding true and these are a lucky hybrid drop, and will tell you "Maybe in a few months." Granted there are times when stock are low but I never heard the excuse "I sold so many

I have no more left." Some show winners are not about to sell you the same quality as they show why should they after years of selected breeding who is laced to give away a winning one. Most will sell fish of the same strain that you can work with in your environment but don't expect these fish to give a first drop that will mature into a show winner with not a lot of work and luck.

5. IFGA SWAP SHOP: Available to buy and/or trade fish among IFGA members and is organized by Bob Curran and Eugene Wlazka. It is an exchange of information on a "WHAT I AS WANT AND WHAT I HAVE" basis. This is only a string made possible by breeders who allow their names to be listed as willing to sell or trade strains of guppies. The IFGA does not in any way recommend these breeders or the quality of their strains. This is only a process of putting a buyer in contact with a seller of guppies. Usually the breeders who are making a certain name are those who have had success with them and you can easily find their show record standing in the columns. This is by far the easiest method of getting a start for any beginner who does not know any breeders or where to not break his back at around any shows.

6. FRIENDS: Here is the best source... a friend is willing to help you and give you the best he can and a lot of background advice on the show and also you can swap back and forth for live breeding. Friends can become competitors who because of your open relationship keep you on your toes to keep improving your lines and comparing and exchanging experiences. I would take a friend's fish any day and heed their advice, these type people are out there... just look for them and they have beautiful fish with great potential. Also there are those friends who are willing to give away the best of their strain because even with the best (pure?) strain your first drops will still be unmasking some more recessive genes. I have never seen a drop that was 100% pure and all siblings equally good (if so we would not have to cull any more, and remember Nature does not make clones)! Now the new breeder must select the best males and females... and while the best is in there somewhere it is never easy to find. It is quite an arduous task just trying to carry on the line let alone selecting to improve the line. Then care and feeding determine the outcome within the specifications of the expressed phenotype. What more can we ask of a hobby than it widens our circle of good friends who no matter how severe the competition remain real friends. I keep meeting more all the time and the more show I attend the more friends I acquire.

THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT A TROPHY

I have been in the business of winning trophies since 1945. Not with fish but dogs. I showed my first puppy at the big International Show in Chicago in the Spring of 1945. I won my class and Best of Winners. Three trophies and three ribbons were the prizes. I could not bring my self to part with those ribbons and trophies long enough to put them away like most other exhibitors did. So I set the trophies up on the bench with my puppy "Sam" and tacked the ribbons to the back of his bench. People were 10 deep around my bench all week end and I sold puppies from the show for 5 years afterwards.

It was not Sam who got their attention, it was the trophies and ribbons. I decided right then that this was for me. I spent until 1950 showing my own dogs and then became a professional handler and showed for other people. I have won thousands of trophies for my clients

and even though they were not mine to keep it was a thrill winning them. My husband and I are now retired from showing dogs and we now judge dogs all over this country and abroad.

I have been to quite a few Guppy shows both 20 years ago when we had some tanks and in the last few years. I had never seen a trophy award card, or a ribbon except in Stan Shubels home. I finally decided to show at St. Louis this year and did go to the hospitality room. There was the most display of trophies and rosettes one could see for. As they were given out they were placed either under or near the winners chair. I asked one of the big winners seated near me if they ever gave cash prizes. He told me very emphatically that when they stopped giving trophies he would stop showing his fish. THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT A TROPHY.

THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT A TROPHY cost The next day I spent every minute I could in the fish room looking at guppies and talking to breeders. A young chap in his teens asked me what do the fish win? I could not explain the points since I didn't know too much about them myself but I did tell him they won beautiful trophies ribbons and award cards. He

asked "Where are they?" I told him they were probably in the winners room or put away in their tank. Half hour later another young couple asked me the same question.

Now the Guppy shows need new blood at the time to keep it all going. New breeders and members will be the future of the Club. Why not show off their trophies and ribbons and award cards??

I THINK how much more attractive the B.O.S. set up would look with the five winning trophies set up along side the winning bowl of fish and the four B.O.S. Ribbons hung under the bowls. Even Class winners could do this too. Trophies do not attract new breeders sitting in your Motel room or in your fish bowl. How about it guppy folks? **THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT A TROPHY**
by Lorraine Hatcher Maxey

UMIDITY IN THE FISH ROOM

At the Annual there was a lot of guppy talk. A couple of us at the bar were discussing problems in our fish rooms. One such was humidity and water condensation on the ceiling and walls.

Mr. Marhey said that to reduce this he has placed glass covers on all his tanks and this cut down on the problem by at least 90 percent. Mr. Yeung said he had the same problem but was getting mist dew on his pansies from the moisture.

One way to stop this is to reduce the moisture or protect the finished surfaces. I am going to put one inch styrofoam and cover it with proper fiber insulation. After that I will make a cover of water proof sheet rock or plastic board. I will also cover all tanks with individual pieces of glass to reduce the evaporation and maintain a more even temperature. The cover will also reduce exposure to water usage from evaporation. by the name included.

Note on the genetic and breeding series of articles by Josh Wilson. The series is complete but it consists of 43 pages. In the future some super-condensed versions will be printed in the bulletin but it was primarily written for inclusion in the IFGA EXTRACTS VOL I which will be printed soon, consisting of 158 pages.

ANNIVERSARY ISSUE FOR NOVEMBER

This is your Bulletin and YOU are requested to submit your ideas as to how this year's issue should be printed.

PARTS
Of what? How many?

FEATURES
Do you remember when?
Old timer's section?
Reprint of old issues?

CLUBS
Those that were?
Most active, oldest history?
Longest active members?

MEMORIES

Can you remember what you were doing just before you got interested in guppies and your first club meeting?

Were you surprised about what goes on at these meetings, and what was on the agenda for that night? Or how the club members pitched in and gave support and ideas to the officers at the meetings?

Did you really get interested when you saw your first bowl show with guppies on display? Was it then and there that you made up your mind that you did too become a guppy breeder? Most of us did. Remember how much you paid for a pair or a trio of your first guppies? I bet that they were cheap compared to now! We raise the special kind of these beautiful and colorful fish makes the price worth while.

Some of us still have the original color strains going to hybrids, outcrosses etc.

MEMORIES CONT.

Some of these original strains from the people that started with guppies are no longer available. These people are not breeding guppies any longer. Some of us have their strains and every one is trying to get the crosses from these last-of-their-kind strains. Morgan's reds, or Parrish purples, Stans strains, Smith's blues. Sooner, if you really want to breed guppies the best thing for you to do is join the IFGA or subscribe to our Bulletin and get addresses of guppy breeders with the strains you want.

Come to one of our shows to see a real variety. These shows are almost like your own club meetings, only on a larger scale. Seminars and lectures are to inform you about guppies, how they should be judged and how you can qualify as a judge.

So get the fever, become a member of our ever growing organization IFGA. If you belong to a local club, they can join for a yearly fee.

Let everyone give our support to all the guppy lovers and their organizations. One can not exist without the other. People make the clubs what they are. So get motivated and give your support the best way you can, and thanks from past articles received?

BADER'S BLITTER

by Ann Bader

It is with mixed emotions that I write this last "Bader's Blitter". Last November, Rich and I decided this would be our last year for publishing the IFGA Bulletin. After 4 years we felt that we were reaching the burn-out stage and it was time for a change. As with any monthly publications, the responsibilities and deadlines involved did impose certain restrictions on our persons. If, on the other hand, the benefits were also there. It gave us an opportunity to form many friendships not only here in the States but in other countries and to be actively involved in a great organization.

We were very fortunate to serve under dedicated IFGA officers and other chair people who always had their monthly bulletin material to us in plenty of time. So many thanks to: Tom and Pat Allen, Ted Lobelo, Bill Orth, Mike Craft and Vi Golinowski for all of their help over the years.

We feel very lucky in finding someone who is not only capable but willing to take over the responsibilities of this publication and know that Josh Wilson and the Pennsylvania Keystone Guppy Association will do a good job in keeping this a quality publication.

Since April, 1976 the bulletin has been a project of the Maumee Valley Guppy Association. It is something we've all enjoyed doing and have taken great pride in. On behalf of all M>V>G>A members past and present, THANKS IFGA for giving us the opportunity to serve you. It has truly been our pleasure!

**** NEW MAILING LABELS ****

A word about the mailing label on your bulletin. The first number is your electronic file number. The second number to the right indicates how long your present subscription is effective with the year given first (85) and the month given second (12). Due to the length of some addresses some information may not have printed on the label. If there is a problem please send a note and every effort will be made to correct the situation.

This electronic file is also used to record your judging status and shows judged. Therefore, some files were created in two names because both couples are judges, as a result the bulletin is sent in only one name. I hope this is not a problem for you since both names are on file.

Our files are lacking many telephone numbers and many requests are received from other members wishing to contact different individuals pertaining to the hobby. It is in our best interests to have as much information as possible to satisfy the needs of everyone and in the formation of a new membership roster. Your full cooperation is greatly appreciated.

EMBARRASSED

While I'm embarrassed to relate my sad tale, feel I must, to perhaps keep someone else from making the same mistakes.

About three weeks ago I entered in an exterminator I had done this once before and did not give it any special thought. My entire house was sprayed including my basement fish room and compressor room.

Then, in about 48 hours - D.SASTER. Many fish started dying. In just a very short time, I had probably less than twelve guppies left. In my first 20 tanks and I was losing fish in a few others. I ended up putting the bleach in a total of twenty two tanks.

I was new to serious fish raising and so for over a week I knew why the fish died (the exterminator) but really wasn't sure why they died this time and not the first time I had the house sprayed. The answer was that I now have a new more powerful compressor which picked up the fumes and poison in the air and carried them right into the first tanks coming off my compressor. LESSON I - no exterminators or if unavoidable, seek sound advice on how to prevent disaster.

To make matters worse, these tanks held probably 95% of the Albino Lane I have been winning with and also my holding tanks for the fish I was showing. LESSON II - if you are seriously working and showing a line of fish, avoid having them in one area where something like this could happen or where disaster could do great harm to one of them.

The ultimate "Goof" was being first in a class having another line not affected by this disaster but being only first and young. I told myself not to bother with tank entries because I knew my rival's guppies were better at the particular time. I was surprised to find only two tank entries in the show - those not two places could have been mine. LESSON III - don't out-guess yourself. Don't assume anything about your fish or those of your opponent. If you don't enter, YOU CAN'T WIN! Who knows, I may well have thrown a championship away because I did not have confidence in my fish. It will not happen again. *** Bill St. Clair

THANKS

Our 1985 CCA Show is now behind us. Hopefully a good time was had by all those in attendance.

We had 48 Entries. Were we comparing this to past entries it would be very disappointing. On the other hand, on comparing it to this year's records it is perhaps above average.

A very special thank you must go out to all those who shipped to our show. Out of those 48 entries, 280 were shipped. We are grateful for that support.

By the time you read this there will be two shows left Akron & Chicago. The natural tendency is to slack off on showing if you are no longer in contention. Please don't let this happen. These clubs need your support to meet certain fixed financial expenditures & we must not let them down. Join us if you can in person - if you can't, ship what you can.

Let's make these shows the largest entries of 1985 - Unfortunately it shouldn't take a great deal of effort if we all contribute.
by Bill St. Clair

SHIPPING TO SHOWS

by Warren Burke

When I ship fish a distance of up to 800 miles I mail on Tuesdays but if the distance is over 400 miles I mail on Mondays. These fish can last for up to ten days and even longer and still remain in good health. When you ship long distances, DON'T FEED your fish the day before. You then reduce the chance of fouling up the bag and stagnating the water. We opened several cartons of fish during our show and the odor was unbearable.

Big Apple's next show will be the end of Oct of 1985 so please arrange to ship early and keep in mind packing those cartons. I for one have in heavy insulation and use wood shims around the fish bags in all my cartons. It keeps the fish warm in cool weather and cool in hot summer weather. Remember ship early, insulate and label the cartons - "LIVE FISH" & "PERISHABLE" to keep your cartons from refrigeration. It does happen!

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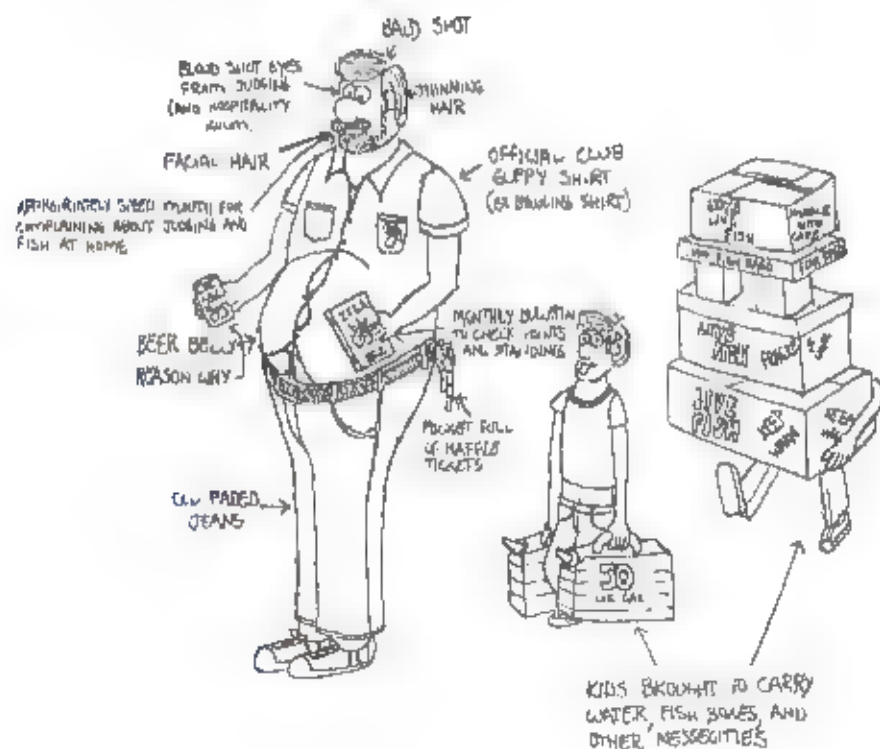
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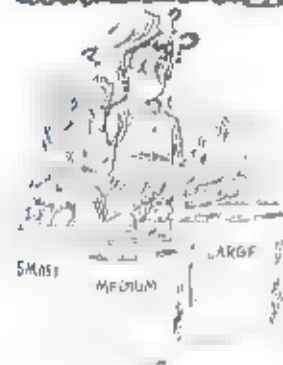
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by TOM ALLEN

Yes, the Baders, who did such a marvelous job on our bulletin for so many years, have decided they can no longer continue. Obviously their work (including the entire membership of MGVA who "let a big hand") will be missed by all. Unless you've done the job yourself it's difficult to understand the tremendous amount of effort it takes to publish the bulletin month after month. When someone does such a masterful job in an activity such as this we all assume they will be around forever but such is not usually the case. I know I speak for everyone connected with the IFGA when I offer our "THANKS" to both of you for your dedication to the IFGA and the hobby.

You may have noticed the August Bulletin was published in Pottsville, PA rather than Tontogany, OH. This was the first effort put forth under the capable direction of our newly appointed editor Dr. Josh Wisan. Understandably, "Doc" has some big shoes to fill but if we back him like we backed Ann and Rich with our articles, etc. he's certain to succeed. Behind the scenes, "Doc" has used his computer to completely rework and store in memory, the entire contents of our judging

standards manual. In addition, he will have available soon, booklets of abstracted articles from past bulletins on topics related to or hobby. In case you missed the new address it's:

IFGA Publications Committee
518 West Market Street
Pottsville, PA 17901

Sharpen your pencils and put them to work.

Congratulations to Mike Brawer for sweeping all three Novice Classes at the Milwaukee Show. Also, my apologies to Lorraine Massey for the mis-spelling of her name in the last bulletin.

It's hard to believe only one show is left in our 1985 season. Perhaps it's time for all of us to reflect on 1985 in terms of our participation and see whether we have come up short for yet another year. It is amazing how many of us complain that the hobby just isn't what it used to be without realizing that we make the hobby what it is. Start thinking about 1986 and be prepared to make a solid and concrete commitment to benefit the IFGA and the hobby in some way.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

by PAT ALLEN

Here is the list of shows for 1985 and the remaining dates the rules (show classes) should be received by me:

CLUB	SHOW DATE	CLASSES DUE
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31	
Big Apple Guppy Club	April 13-14	
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5	
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19	
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2	
East Coast Guppy Association	June 15-16	
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30	
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21	
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4	
Guppy Associates International Chicago	September 7-8	June 7
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10	August 8

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association Meetings. Big Apple Guppy Club and Maumee Valley Guppy Association.

FROM THE JUDGING BOARD

At the recent judging seminar held in Milwaukee, Neal Rammacher of Illinois, Bill St. Clair of Missouri and Josh Wilson of Pennsylvania passed the written test. No one taking the visual test was able to pass. Since Bill and Josh have completed the necessary requirements, they now become assistant judges. Keep in mind that the next seminar will be held in Toledo in conjunction with the Annual Show.

Those of you, assistant and accredited judges alike, who attended the Milwaukee seminar have met the "1 seminar every 2 years" rule officially put on the books at the last annual. Of course, you are encouraged to participate in all seminars to further hone your skills as a judge.

When clubs accept shows they take on many responsibilities like providing clean bowls for

exhibitors, having good water available for entries, etc. One responsibility that does get overlooked occasionally is providing adequate lighting for judging. The lighting at some of the shows recently has been marginal at best. Remember all fish should be judged under the same conditions which includes the lighting. When entire classes are disqualified because they do not meet the color requirements due to inadequate lights, we are not being fair with the judges or the exhibitor who paid their entry fee. Shows held in malls are particularly subject to lighting peculiarities generally caused by the layout of the building. Show Committees should take special care before signing a contract that, if no supplementary lights are available, existing lights will do the trick. Better yet, use the coming winter months to build a lighting system as a club project.

BUCKEYE FANCY GUPPY ASSOCIATION

August 3-4, 1985

488 Entries

SHOW RESULTS

JUDGES: Tom Allen, Elton Armistead, Rich Bader, Gene Godmowski, Val Godmowski, Ted Lobello, Frank Ortega, Bill Orth, Don Saurers

ASST. JUDGES: Ann Bader, Frank Barta, Mike Godmowski, Jim McCarty, Rich Nerva, Bill St. Clair, Gene Wisnake, Josh Wilson

OBSERVERS: John Aden, Chris Smith, Charles Hall, Bob Finnerger, Bob Fisher, Paul Evans, Ed Regan, Jerry Williams, Ted Mitchell, Chris Ortega, Phyllis Mitchell, L. McIntire

BEST OF SHOW

MALF: GR Delta T & P Allen	[BK Delta] B & J Orth	[Purple Delta] M & D Lastella	[H/B AOC Delta] M & D Lastella
FEMALE: (BL/GR) T & P Allen	[AOC] Frank Barta	[H/B AOC] Frank Barta	[Bronze] T & P Allen
TANK: (Green) M & D Lastella	[Purple] M & D Lastella	[Bronze] T & P Allen	[Alfino] James Coleman Jr

B.F.G.A. Show Results Continued...

BREEDER MALE	M & D Lastella	M & D Lastella	Joe Smith
T & P Allen			
BREEDER FEMALE	Frank Barta	Frank Barta	Robert Fisher
B & J Orth			
TANK	DELTA	VEIL	FEMALE
RED: [5] Joe Smith Joe Smith T & P Allen James Alderson	[9] James Alderson T & P Allen Joe Smith J & B Longer	[9] Joe Smith Joe Smith James Alderson James Alderson	[13] Robert Fisher T & P Allen T & P Allen D & R Rush
BLUE: [5] B & J Orth Joe Smith Joe Smith M & D Lastella	[10] B & J Orth Joe Smith Joe Smith M & D Lastella	[5] B & J Orth B & J Orth B & J Orth B & J Orth	
GREEN: [5] M & D Lastella T & P Allen M & D Lastella Rev Lloyd Greenke	[11] T & P Allen M & D Lastella Rev Lloyd Greenke Jim Shoffner	[4] M & D Lastella Disqualified Disqualified	
PURPLE: [7] M & D Lastella M & D Lastella T & P Allen T & P Allen	[10] M & D Lastella T & P Allen T & P Allen E. Golimowski	[10] B & J Orth T & P Allen E. Golimowski E. Golimowski	
BLACK [4] D & R Rush D & R Rush D & R Rush DISQUALIFIED	[4] B & J Orth L. R. McIntire D & R Rush Leonard Buttafuoco	[1] B & J Orth ----- ----- -----	[15] Frank Barta Frank Barta T & P Allen Frank Barta
MULTI [5] J & B Longer Bev Richmond J & B Longer J & B Longer	[4] J & B Longer Frank Mormino J & B Longer Bev Richmond	[5] Bev Richmond J & B Longer Frank Mormino J & B Longer	
1 J AOC [5] M & D Lastella B & J Orth M & D Lastella Bill St Clair	[4] M & D Lastella Bill St Clair B & J Orth S & B Miller	[2] B & J Orth B & J Orth	[8] Frank Barta E. Golimowski Don Saurers E. Golimowski

B.F.G.A. Show Results Continued...

TANK	DELTA	VEIL	FEMALE
H/B RED: [4] Vic Piteo Vic Piteo Vic Piteo Bob Williams	[13] Frank Ortesa Bill St Clair Vic Piteo Vic Piteo	[10] Frank Ortesa Vic Piteo Vic Piteo Vic Piteo	[4] B & B Miller Robert Fisher DISQUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED
H/B PASTEL: [3] James Alderson John Maslar John Maslar	[4] James Alderson John Maslar John Maslar John Maslar	[0]	
H/B BLUE: [4] M & D Lastella M & D Lastella A & R Wagner Leonard Buttafuoco	[4] Robert Fisher M & D Lastella A & R Wagner Leonard Buttafuoco	[4] Josh Wilson Leonard Buttafuoco A & R Wagner DISQUALIFIED	NOVICE TANK 5] Bob Fillingner Toni Segilia Toni Segilia Toni Segilia
AOC BI: [3] James Alderson Jim Jirku Jim Jirku	[7] Frank Barta Frank Barta Frank Barta Bob Williams	[3] DISQUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED	NOVICE COMBINED 5] Bob Fillingner Bob Fillingner Bob Fillingner Toni Segilia
RED BI [4] Bob Peterson Bev Richmond Bob Peterson DISQUALIFIED	[17] Robert Fisher Ted Labella & Family Bev Richmond Frank Mormino	[4] Ted Labella & Family Ted Labella & Family Ted Labella & Family Ted Labella & Family	NOVICE FEM [4] Bob Fillingner Bob Fillingner Toni Segilia Bob Fillingner
BL/GR BI [0]	[0]	[3] E. Golimowski Bill St Clair Leonard Buttafuoco	[15] T & P Allen B & J Orth T & P Allen Frank Barta
SNAKESKIN VAR. [1] Frank Barta	[15] Rich Bader Frank Barta John Maslar Frank Mormino	[9] Frank Barta B & J Orth Rich Bader Bob Williams	BRONZE FEM 4] T & P Allen T & P Allen M&M Golimowski DISQUALIFIED
SNAKESKIN SOLID: [5] T & P Allen Frank Ortesa Frank Ortesa Frank Ortesa	[5] Frank Ortesa Frank Ortesa T & P Allen Frank Ortesa	[5] Frank Ortesa Frank Ortesa T & P Allen Frank Ortesa	GOLD FEM [14] M&M Golimowski Dave Launchbury Dave Launchbury Jim Shoffner

TANK	DELTA	VEIL	FEMALE
AOC: [5] Boy Richmond James Alderson James Alderson Boy Richmond	[10] James Alderson Boy Richmond James Alderson James Alderson	[1] Dave Polunas	[21] Frank Barta Robert Fisher Robert Fisher Jim Shuffner
<u>TANK</u> GOLD: [1] E. Golumowski	<u>COMBINED</u> [7] E. Golumowski DISQUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED	<u>TANK</u> BRONZE: [4] T & P Allen T & P Allen E. Golumowski Don Saurers	<u>COMBINED</u> [7] T & P Allen James Alderson T & P Allen Ed Reges
ALBINO: [7] James Coleman Jr James Coleman Jr Bill St Clair Bill St Clair	[8] Bill St Clair James Coleman Jr James Coleman Jr James Coleman Jr	YELLOW: [3] Frank Barta Dave Polunas Dave Polunas	[9] Frank Barta DISQUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED DISQUALIFIED
H/R YELLOW: [4] J & B Longer J & B Longer Bill St Clair J & B Longer	[4] J & B Longer Bill St Clair J & B Longer J & B Longer	SINGLE SWORD: [1] Don Saurers	[6] Don Saurers Wendell Price Wendell Price Wendell Price
DOUBLE SWORD: [1] Don Saurers	[6] Wendell Price Wendell Price Wendell Price Don Saurers		

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MAUMEE VALLEY GUPPY ASSOCIATION
IFGA SANCTIONED 7 POINT SHOW
November 8, 9, 10, 1985

LOCATION Ramada Inn - Reynolds Road, Toledo Ohio

SCHEDULE: FRIDAY, NOV 8TH		SATURDAY, NOV 9TH		SUNDAY, NOV 10TH	
Seminar	1 pm to 4 pm	9 am - 3 pm Banqueting		10 am - Open to Public	
Banqueting	6 pm - 8 pm	10 am - Meeting		10 am - 1:30 pm Auction	
		3 pm - Judging		11 am - small raffle	
		7 pm Banquet and		12 noon - 50/50 raffle	
		Annual Awards		2:30 pm - Debanqueting	
		9 pm Dance			

GENERAL RULES:

1. All entries must be registered by 1:00 pm Saturday

MVGA Show Rules Cont....

- 2 Exhibitors in determining the class in which their entries will compete
- 3 Assistance in classification will be available at the time of registration
- 4 Every precaution will be taken against loss or hazard of any kind, however, MVGA cannot assume responsibility for losses which might occur
- 5 Lighting will be overhead fluorescent
- 6 Backgrounds will be of black material
- 7 Tanks will be furnished. No gravel, plants or decorative materials will be allowed
- 8 No fish will be removed from the show area until 2:30 pm on Sunday and then only by persons authorized by the show chairperson. Those having a long distance to travel will be detached first.
- 9 All entries must be born and raised in the exhibitors tanks
- 10 An entry fee must be prepaid
- 11 Judging will begin at 3:00 pm Saturday, November 9th. Entries will be judged in accordance with IMA rules
- 12 Observers to the judging must be registered prior to 3:00 pm Saturday and the number of observers will be limited
- 13 An auction, open to the public, will be held on Sunday, November 10th. MVGA will retain 30% of the sale price of all fish sold. Exhibitors should indicate fish for auction at the time of registration.

ENTRIES

Single entries - To consist of 1 male or 1 female shown in 1 gal. tanks. One female may be added but will not be judged.

Tank entries - To consist of 2 matched males shown in 1 gal. tanks. One female may be added but will not be judged.

Breeder males - To consist of 5 matched males shown in 1 1/2 gal. tanks. Two females may be added but will not be judged.

Breeder Females - To consist of 3 matched females shown in 1 1/2 gal. tanks.

Novice classes - Open to anyone who has not won a first place in IMA competition.

ENTRY FEES

Singles - \$1.50

Tanks - \$2.50

Breeders - \$3.50

Novice - Same as open class

CLASSES

DELTA

Red
Blue
Green
Multi
H/B Red
H/B Blue
H/B Pastel
H/B AOC
Purple
Bl/Gr B.

VELL

Red
Blue
Green
Multi
H/B Red
H/B Blue
H/B Pastel
H/B AOC
Purple
Bl/Gr B.

COMBINED

Albino
Gold
Bronze
H/B Yellow
Yellow
AOC
Novice
REMALES
Red
Bl/Gr

TANK

Red
Blue
Green
Multi
H/B Red
H/B Blue
H/B Pastel
H/B AOC
Purple
Bl/Gr B.

MISC

Single Sword
Double Sword

BREEDERS

5 Matched Males
3 Matched Females

MVGA Show Rules Cont.

CLASSES

<u>DELTA</u>	<u>VELOC</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TANKS</u>	<u>TANKS</u>
Red Br	Red Br	Black	Red Br	Yellow
AOC Br	AOC Br	AOC	AOC Br	Gold
Snake Solid	Snake Solid	H/B Red	Snake Solid	Single Sword
Snake Var.	Snake Var.	H/B AOC	Snake Var	Double Sword
Black	Black	Bronze	AOC	
		Albino	Albino	
		Navajo	Bronze	

AWARDS

Singles and Tanks: 1st Place - Plaques, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places - Award Cards.
Best of Show and Breeders: 1st Place - Plaque, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places - Award Cards

SHIPPED IN ENTRIES

1. All shipped in entries must be received by Thursday November 7th, 1985 at 5 pm. Anything after 5 pm will not be picked up.
2. Be sure all fish are marked clearly as to breeder's name, address and class to be entered.
3. All shipments must be prepaid. No collect shipments will be accepted.
4. Unless specifically requested otherwise, all shipped in fish will be auctioned. Should it be desired that the fish be returned, it should be so stated on the entry form and return shipping charges included with the shipment.
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MVGA will be having an OPEN AUCTION AT 10:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 10th. An index card will be placed with each entry on the show bench to be auctioned. Anyone interested in buying fish at the auction will sign the appropriate card and the amount they are willing to pay. If someone else wants to raise the bid, they sign their name with a higher bid. At 1:30 all cards will be collected and the highest bidder will pay and take the fish. This will finish the auction soon after 1:30 pm and anyone interested will have 3 1/2 hours - from 10 am to 1:30 pm - to bid on the auction fish.

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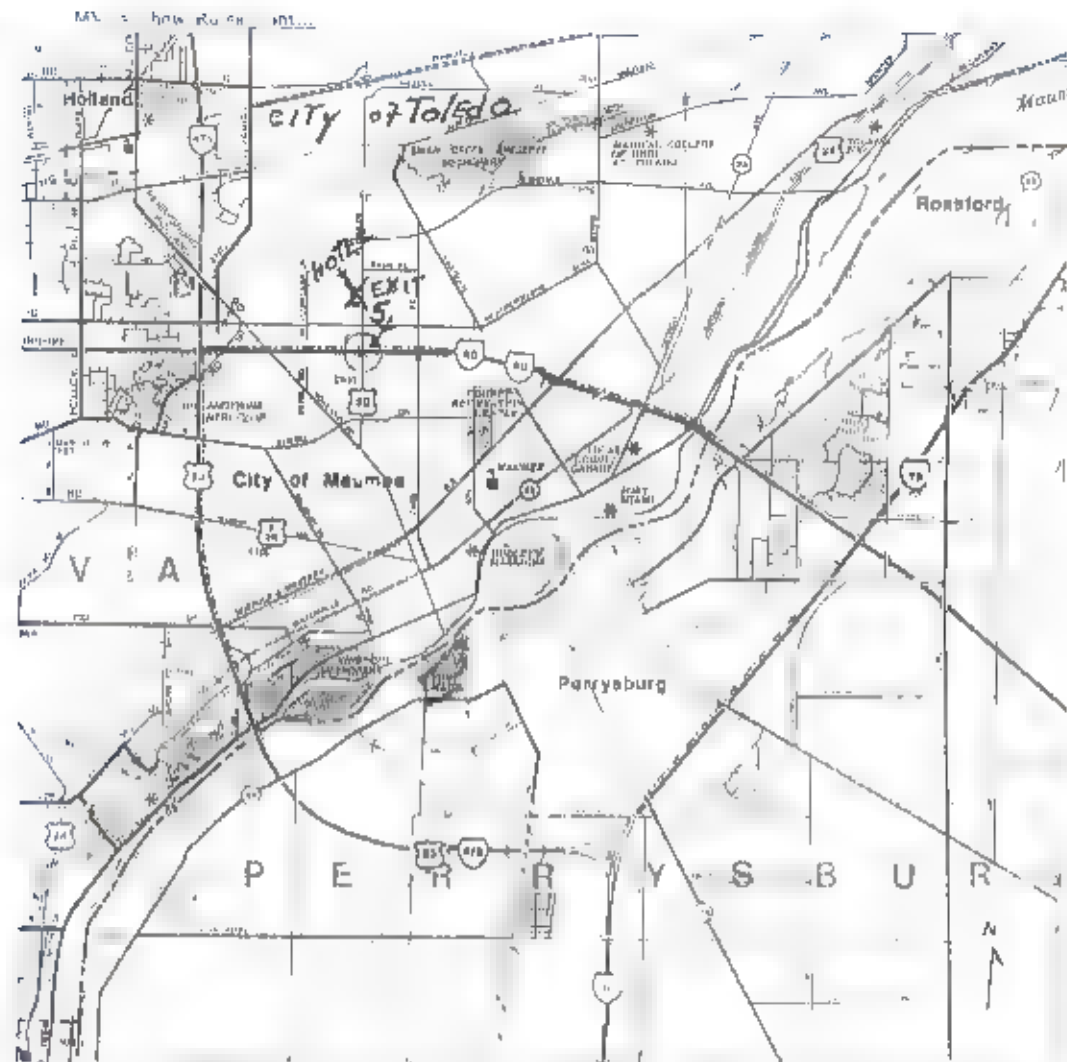
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Banquet: The price of your meal will be \$16.50 per person with a choice of chicken or prime rib. Please make your selection when you make your reservation. Due to the rising costs of the banquet evening, there will be a CASH bar during the dance.

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HOW TO SELECT ENTRIES

If you've ever been to a race track, you are no stranger to the amount of concentration the average "rallard" puts in picking his/her winners. Al, because he/she stands a chance of losing a \$2 bet. Yet we think nothing of placing \$2 bets each time we exhibit our tank entries with little study and many times finish out of the money because we didn't pick our entries correctly.

With yet another show season under way, let's take some time now to delve into one of the most publicized topics of our hobby: matching fish for breeder/tank entries. If you have plans of making a deal in the standings this year (and who among us does not like to see his/her name up in lights), there is no better place to assess points than in the tank classes. Sure, the quality of the fish being exhibited is usually on an equal par with the single classes but the odds are in your favor since fewer entries in most times the rule rather than the exception.

Seldom, if ever, does any breeder end up with an entire tank of perfectly matched show guppies. These well-matched entries we so often see at shows are many times the result of trial and error: pairing individual fish together until the best (?) pair is found. The term "best" under these circumstances makes sense only if the breeder has tried to match each fish with every other a job as tedious, time-consuming, and nerve-racking as ever existed. Oh, it may not be too hard if all he/she has is 3 fish to work with. However, having to select 5 matched males from a tank filled with 25 beauties by matching one-to-one is mind boggling to say the least.

Well then, is there a better way to pick tank entries? The method to be outlined in the following paragraphs is an attempt (however feeble) to document a systematic approach which has brought good results in the past. It could easily be called the "mis-match" technique since it relies heavily on our ability to select our best look/breeder entries by a gradual elimination of all non-matched fish. Note the use of the word gradual in the preceding sentence. Whether picking winning horses or show guppies, it takes time and concentration and should not be rushed.

Let's start by placing all the guppies available in a tank large enough so the fish we have don't have to "bump" to one another but small enough so our eyes don't have to face both east and west when our fish decide to separate (15 males do well in a ten gallon tank). Don't forget the necessary precautions to take in order to avoid tail-rips, tail-burn etc. caused by drastic changes in water conditions. Also needed are a 3-5 gallon tank along with a couple of drum bowls. Whenever possible, do not use the drum bowls to match fish since they distort the shape of the fish making your job next to impossible.

A duplication of show conditions (black background and accurate lighting) while not an absolute necessity is a definite plus. One should be cautious not to pick fish under fluorescent fishroom lighting when incandescent spot lights are to be used in the show. Anyone who has bred blues or greens and exhibited them know the value of true lighting.

Once the fish have been acclimated to their new surroundings, you can start to tackle the task at hand. Selecting your non-matches should be done by examining your fish in the following categories:

- Body size
- Caudal size/shape
- Dorsal size/shape
- Caudal color
- Dorsal color
- Body color/markings

The sequence of the checks will vary based on the over-all likeness of the entire batch. In other words, you may not even bother to check caudal color since all the guppies you have are remarkably alike in that respect. Technically then, if our plan works correctly, the final pair will be least dissimilar and, therefore, the best matched (though slightly smaller) tank entry you have.

Let's zero in on the Body size category and see how the system works. Using the set-up illustrated earlier, select from your 15 fish sample, those fish which are obviously larger, those obviously smaller, and those obviously off colored. Place them by size (larger vs. smaller) in the two drum bowls. Move the larger sized fish to the small tank and pass through the remainder of the checks to see if one or more good tank/breeder entries is available from these. Any fish not paired in this step should be considered as a single and entered in the appropriate delta/vein based on its caudal shape. The smaller sized group can either be returned to their original tank, if their size proves to be a problem, or used if additional entries are needed. Now, back to our norm group. As was done with body size, the remaining guppies should be inspected for obvious imperfections in the remaining categories: caudal size/shape, dorsal size/shape, caudal color, dorsal color, and body color/markings. Once through this phase, it is a simple (?) matter of choosing pairs since the fish remaining in our norm group should be the most alike in the batch. The dropouts can also be considered for singles. Only your imagination and the available time

can limit the number of possible combinations open to you. One point of caution: you cannot expect to notice these tiny flaws in your fish, which trained judges see so often; it may rush your selection procedure.

One must remember that it is completely within reason for a tank entry which is non-matched on body size or any other category to win a first place if the fish happen to be the best matched pair in the class. All entries compete against others in their class of competition. Slight imperfections or mis-matches should not keep you from entering fish in a show. However, all other things aside a good matched entry any day.

Finally, once your entries have been selected, do not place them back with their brothers/sisters or for sure, you'll be back doing it all over again for the next show! (William Alan)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

HAS YOUR CLUB EVER GIVEN THOUGHT TO GIVING A ONE-YEAR BL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BULLETIN AS A SHOW DRAWING PRIZE WHICH COULD BE USED AS A RENEWAL ALSO?

CROSSBREEDING

Crossbreeding is the opposite of inbreeding; it promotes the pairing of unlike genes by the mating of different families, breeds, or species. The crossing of individuals that belong to different families within a breed is often spoken of as outcrossing; but for our purposes it will refer to crossing between different classes of supplies. Actually the difference between the crossing of families or breeds and the crossing of breeds and species is merely one of degree on a sliding scale. In this respect it is comparable to the difference between inbreeding and line breeding.

Outbreeding is a general term applied to any breeding system in which individuals mated are less closely related than the average of the population from which they come. Outcrossing combined with selection is a highly useful technique for within-breed improvement for moderately to highly heritable traits. Heterosis is the difference in the performance of the offspring from the average of parental types which is often observed in crosses between breeds, inbred lines, or species. The genetic and physiological bases of heterosis are not closely understood. Among within-species crosses, heterosis is most apparent for the lowly heritable traits related to fertility and viability. Even though it is not well understood, heterosis can be used to advantage through crossing breeds and perhaps inbred lines within breeds. Breeding techniques designed to increase heterosis or improve combining ability of lines or breed combinations may have increasing applicability in domestic species.

The effects of outbreeding are generally opposite those of inbreeding, since with outbreeding heterozygosity is increased. For the most part, the practical usefulness of outbreeding results from the fact that genes with favorable effects generally express some dominance over their alleles. In crossing two diverse strains, lines, or breeds, an increase in heterozygosity is realized. With the increased heterozygosity, "hybrid vigor" is expressed when the average of the offspring exceeds the average of their parents. Heterosis is a more general expression for the difference between the average of the offspring and the parental average, with the potential for positive, negative, or no heterosis. The increase in heterozygosity may promote individual superiority, but it reduces average breeding values.

Inbreeding and crossbreeding are part of the same phenomenon. The results of both are explained by Mendel's laws and the interpretation of hybrid vigor

OBJECTS OF CROSSBREEDING

Crossbreeding is the third tool the breeder has with which to work toward genetic improvement. The other two are selection and inbreeding. Genetic improvement can come only through the sorting out of the genes which produce the most desirable results and by bringing together the gene combinations that yield the most desirable effects.

During the history of animal breeding and more recently the constructive work of the plant breeders have demonstrated that crossbreeding is a TOOL to be used for genetic improvement. In general during the past several decades animal breeders and especially guppy breeders have been reluctant to recognize the possibilities in cross breeding. This situation, however, has been changing with in certain species during the past few years.

Again the chief reason for crossbreeding is to bring about an increase in VIGOR. Vigor is used in this instance to cover almost everything that pertains to strain desirability. The main items are rate of growth, economy of growth, fertility, and general body condition and strength.

The guppy traits most useful to man may not be compatible with the traits that are most desirable to the guppy under natural conditions. A high degree of fertility is very desirable in the domestic guppy. Under natural conditions a potential drop of 100 fry would increase the size of the female to such proportion and of such a hindrance to swimming that it would certainly be a liability against predators. The strains that produce fewer number of young, but young that are stronger at birth, may be better suited to survive. A rapid rate of growth is desirable in the production of marketable fish, but in the wild it may be a handicap. The fast-growing fish requires a larger daily intake of food than the slow-growing wild fish. Under natural conditions an abundance of food may often be lacking, and the fish with the inherent capacity for rapid growth is handicapped more than the one with less capacity for growth. The same general principle applies to adult size.

The chief reason for including the above at this point is to point out that vigor may mean different things under different conditions and that it is well to exercise some care in the generalizations drawn from wild types. The fact remains that crossbreeding generally results in an increase in all the elements of vigor, as measured under domestic conditions. A large portion of this increase is due to bringing more dominant genes into play.

It has frequently been stated that inbreeding produces uniformity and crossbreeding produces variability. A statement of this type causes confusion unless it is well qualified. As a rule first and second crosses yield very uniform populations. Inbreeding if continued leads to the development of families and sub-families the members of which are remarkably uniform, but the immediate results of inbreeding a heterozygous population is segregation of both phenotypes and genotypes.

Crossbreeding promotes the pairing of unlike genes, and it is used for the following reasons:

1. A single cross is used to introduce new genes in a close-bred family. It is a logical procedure in constructive breeding. The quickest and most certain method of improving a trait is to cross breed some stock known to be high in that trait. The argument is often advanced that every strain has all the genes necessary to make within reason whatever is desired from the strain. Even if this statement is correct it is absurd to take 10 years to do a job that can be done in less time by the use of an improved technique.

The above-mentioned type of crossing is often spoken of as outcrossing and is very familiar to livestock breeders. It has not been used generally however, in animal breeding with the deliberateness with which it has been used by constructive plant breeders. The development of improved inbred lines is almost certain to lead to the use of outcrosses for very definite reasons.

2. A second reason for crossbreeding is to make the cross breeds the basis of a new strain. The majority of our present improved strains originated from crossbred foundations. For countless years crossing for this reason has been frowned upon in muppy circles, and strain promoters have attempted to present evidence that their strain has been pure for years and years. Usually this attitude is the result of presenting only a part of the evidence available regarding both strain history as with the history of the human race. It is also the result of a failure to recognize the biological laws of inheritance.

Ultimately it makes no difference how long a breed or strain has been bred from within, for the value of the breed or strain depends on what can be done with it. Obviously the genes are put in a more heterozygous condition by crossing. Subsequent inbreeding from such a population offers opportunity for segregation. New gene groupings are thereby created and an opportunity is offered for more desirable gene groupings than existed formerly. Not all new gene groupings will be more desirable. There is no reason why they should be, but by creating new gene combinations the constructive breeder has the opportunity of selecting improved types.

3. The major reason for crossbreeding is to produce a more marketable product, advance the potential of the strain, improve vigor and obtain show quality supplies.

TO BE CONTINUED.

CAUTION

Glass bowls can be handled with one hand, but please do not attempt to move full tanks with one hand. At many shows this is a problem during judging of tank entries, and often results in cracking the thin plastic front of the tank. Remember two gallons of water weighs over fourteen pounds, and when once cracked the spill will inevitably continue to enlarge even with careful use. Please use both hands when rearranging tanks and have some one help with the rearrangement. These plastic tanks are fragile and becoming more difficult to obtain as well as being expensive.

WELCOME

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COMBATING INFERTILITY IN GUPPIES

by Bryan Chin

Fancy guppies today do not go along with the generalization of "being easily bred". Most of the serious guppy breeders today have experienced infertile strains. It is frustrating and often the breeder blames himself. Yet, if all practical measures are taken, the breeder is not at fault. It must be realized that strains have been genetically manipulated by man, which can emphasize bad traits as well as good traits.

The genetic make-up of the guppy can cause various problems with fertility. A strain of guppies that has been developed for three or more generations by a breeder may do just fine in his tanks but will grow stunted and weak in someone else's tanks. This is because every breeder has his own unique environmental conditions. Stunted or weak fish are not vigorous enough or not even good quality to breed. Assuming that the strain has a good pedigree there is still hope. Choose the best males and females and mass breed them. If the guppy breeder can beat the odds and get one brood of fry, he is on his way. In a way, it is like natural selection. The guppies that can live and mate are genetically capable of living in the breeder's environmental tank conditions. By continuing this slow process, the breeder can obtain a stronger and a fertile strain.

The breeder should simultaneously outcross some of the guppies to a similar strain sometimes introducing a vigorous male or a strong healthy female can solve infertility. Though the breeder risks losing the traits desired. It is likely the cross may go towards the strain outcrossed to since it carries the vigor.

Breeding for size can be detrimental to the fertility of a strain. Sometimes using the largest male is the worst move in a breeding program. Large males can be males, either male or female. Also large males may have less than normal amounts of male hormones. Male hormones give the male the natural tendency to breed. The main thing to do is to study your males and see who are the most vigorous breeders.

The strain should be discarded if it fails to reproduce satisfactorily after considerable efforts. Fertility is important since the greater number of guppies obtained means a better chance of getting greater number of guppies with the desired genetic combination. Infertility is just one of the things that make guppy breeding interesting and challenging.

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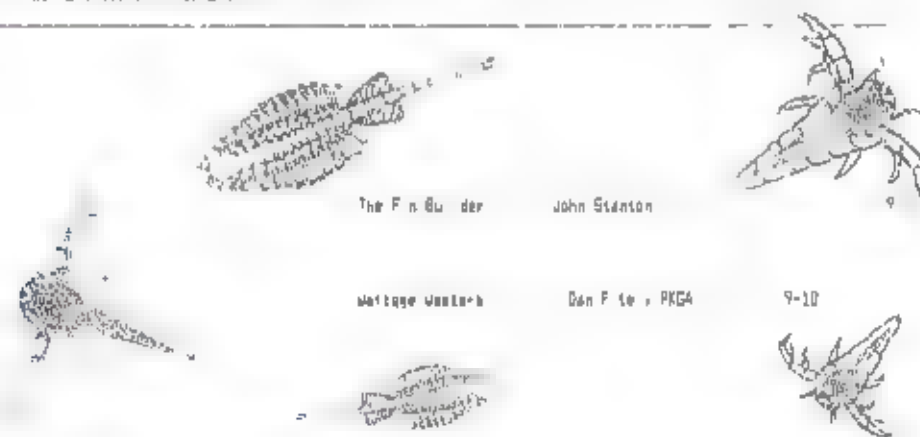
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by TOM ALLEN

Congratulations to Bob Fillingim and Toni Segura, our most recent novice winners. Bob swept the Novice "frets" at the Buckeye show and Toni did likewise in Chicago.

All of you should be planning to attend this year's annual show in Toledo. It promises to be a super fun-filled weekend, don't forget the judging seminar on Friday, as has been the case for all the annuals I've attended. For those of you new to the hobby and the IFGA, the

annual show presents you with the opportunity to meet and chat with some of the most experienced guppy breeders in the world. This is particularly of value if you are having problems with your strains, most problems will have already been confronted and solved by someone in attendance. As you have to do a search out the right individual and ask. Mark your calendar, November 8-10 in Toledo. See you there.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

by PAT ALLEN

Here is the list of shows for 1985

CLUB	SHOW DATE
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	March 30-31
Big Apple Guppy Club	April 13-14
Midwest Guppy Club	May 4-5
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	May 18-19
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 1-2
East Coast Guppy Association	June 15-16
Gateway Guppy Association	June 29-30
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 20-21
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club	August 3-4
Guppy Associates International Chicago	September 7-8
Maumee Valley Guppy Association	November 8-9-10

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association
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GUPPY ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL CHICAGO

September 7-8, 1985

SHOW RESULTS

[No results were received as of Sept 23rd]

MVGA - A FIRST

Advance word has it that Maumee Valley Guppy Association is about to launch a new saga at the IFGA Annual Show. They are reported to be including as part of their raffle a one year subscription to the IFGA Bulletin which can be applied as either a new renewal or extension subscription. This is a first and truly demonstrates an acute awareness for mutual support of this diverse and yet intergrated hobby. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT MVGA

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Aquarium Club Member Evaluation

MEMBER	FAR EXCEEDS CLUB REQUIREMENTS	EXCEEDS CLUB REQUIREMENTS	MEETS CLUB REQUIREMENTS	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	NEEDS MOST IMPROVEMENT
SPEED OF OCCURRENCE	Is faster than a speeding bullet	Is as fast as a speeding bullet	Not quite as fast as a speeding bullet	Struggles with bullets when shoot- ing gun	Volunteers only when strengthened with gun
WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT IN	Will leap all aquariums with a single bound	Must take running start to leap over tall aqua-	Can only leap over an average aqua- with no stand	Crashes into and when leaping	Cannot see quite as much less leap
CAPABILITY	Is stronger than a aquarium cement	Is stronger than a bull elephant	Is stronger than a bull	Shouts the bul.	Shells like a bull
ADAPTABILITY	Walks on water consequently	Walks on water in emergencies	Wades with water	Drinks water	Passes water in emergencies
INFORMATION	Talks with God	Talks with angels	Talks to self	Argues with self	Shouts thunder arguing
PARTICIPATION	Makes countless movements	May make many movements	Does some movements	Seconds on hands	Is motionless
BREEDING	Breeds every fish known	Breeds only a few fish	Breeds with other adul club members	Has enrolled in a sex education course	Has no breeding course
EXHIBITION	Exhibits fish on slightest provocation	Exhibits fish in most shows	Sometimes exhibits	Raps on aquarium glass at exhibits	Gets judged in court for exhibiting
INTEREST IN HOBBY	Closes with fish, forgets people	Sometimes remembers people	Can think calmly for short periods	Sometimes remembers to eat	Eats raw fish

THE FIN BUILDER

by John Stanton

How many of us, at one time or another have had fish which seem to be very sluggish, or just before you are ready to show a specimen a few fins are frayed or split? The answer for a quick recovery of finnage that seems to heal up overnight is Vitamin B-12.

Fish with split finnage, the healing can be as short as three days. I've guppies with a large split in the caudal fin had that you wouldn't believe it possible to water it in a show, four days ago. But by the time the show arrived, here was a trace of the injury.

The healing time is greatly reduced to his short period of time if you use B-12 constantly or treat your tanks once every five days. Use 1cc for every 10 gallons of water. The finnage of a fish, especially species which carry large delicate finnage, will have stronger fin rays and tissue, thus lowering the incidence of injury.

The appetite and general deportment of fish is greatly improved through the continued use of this vitamin. Guppies bottom and goldfish, which are well endowed with finnage are more active and will endure frequent handling if B-12 is used on a weekly basis.

A 1000 mg bottle of B-12 will run a nominal amount at a drug store. Keep it in a cool place when using although it is not necessary to refrigerate.

If you do not use it on a regular basis the healing time for injuries to fins will take somewhat longer than three days. So, don't expect miracles when you use it for the first time in an emergency. Some fins and tears can be healed in two days. For the price and ease in which it is used it is well worth while.

The 1000 mg bottle will last about two months with continual use for a 10 gallon aquarium. Try it and see if you can't notice the difference.

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WATTAGE WASTING

by Dan Pital

Pennsylvania Keystone Guppy Association

I've heard many things about "The Aquarium Heater" recently. The purpose of this article is to inform new comers to the hobby as well as others about the facts.

The manufacturers of the aquarium heater naturally desire to push their product, so they will often exaggerate and distort the facts. For instance, they will often insist that tropical fish cannot withstand changes in water temperature, and that the temperature must remain continuously the same. Let me clarify this statement. First, it has been discovered that in the wild, the daytime temperature is almost always higher than at night. Further the streams that these fish inhabit (and this includes guppies) are not the same uniform temperature. A stream may have water trickling in to it from some tributary which is slightly cooler. When these two different levels of water mingle, the resulting temperatures will vary somewhere midpoint between the two at the junction. Now let's get to the point that a two or three degree fluctuation in temperature is not harmful to Guppies or any other tropicals. However, when there is a very sudden drop in temperature say from 78 to 65 degrees, then there is a great danger. This danger lies in the fact that these fish cannot acclimate so quickly, their resistance to disease will be lowered and most assuredly parasites may attack. Fungus or bacteria normally found in the wild and in aquarium. This will quickly harm or kill the fish.

Generally speaking, the temperatures the aquarist feels comfortable at in his home, usually are also comfortable for his tropical fish or guppies. Under normal circumstances, a person heats his house in Winter, and cools it in Summer. The degrees in temperature fluctuation do not usually vary more than a few, say three or four. Tropicals can easily adapt to this change. The water at the top of the tank may be cooler than in the middle or at the bottom depending upon the circulation. It is sudden fluctuations of extreme temperatures that create havoc and death to our fish.

It has been found that keeping tropicals at say a constant 80 degrees without variance, both day and night can be harmful. It will inevitably speed up their life cycle too much, and shorten their life span.

But let us consider something further. Are aquarium heaters reliable? I have many facts to divulge! Many a guppy breeder has taken much patience and time to develop his strain to perfection only to have his aquarium heater malfunction by either backing up and cooking his prize fish or not turning on at all. The cooked fish result is most predictable.

Not only do aquarium heaters malfunction, but just think of the tremendous amount of wattage it takes to heat each aquarium. Now the average guppy breeder has at the least 40-50 tanks to heat. Just multiply 35 watts by 50 for example and you get 1750 watts per day. Who can afford it? The average guppy breeder wants to cut down on costs and at the same time carry on his raising and breeding programs to the utmost and in the most efficient manner.

In summary, manufacturers of aquarium heaters try to push their product. They will exaggerate and even make false claims to sell. You the hobbyist cannot trust aquarium heaters because of their unreliability. They could easily cook your prize strains. Room temperature is safe for all tropicals, providing there is no sudden and drastic change in temperature. Heating the whole fish room is the safest and most economical way to do it. Aquarium heaters consume and waste too much wattage. As a guppy breeder or tropical fish fancier you now have the facts, you decide which is the right choice for you!

WELCOME

We like to welcome the following new IFGA Corresponding Members and invite you to participate and gain full enjoyment from our interesting hobby.

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NOV 8-10 I.P.G.A. Annual Show (M.Y.G.A.) Toledo, OH

Nov 8th. 1PM Judging Seminar
Nov 9th. 10AM Annual Meeting
Nov 9th. 7PM Awards Banquet
9PM Dance
Nov 10th. 10AM - 1:30PM Auction

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT by TOM ALLEN

This is my last column and for a change, I promise to make it brief. Over the last four years and indeed, the six years prior to that, many of you have helped to make my job as an officer easier. For certain I'd forget someone's name were I to make out a detailed list so, rather than that, I'll pass out a collective "THANKS" to everyone. [Special "THANKS" to those of you who supported the bulletin with your articles and the member clubs with your entries.] Also, please support your new officers!

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

by PAT ALLEN

Here is the list of shows for 1985.

CLUB

Indianapolis Guppy Breeders
Big Apple Guppy Club
Midwest Guppy Club
Guppy Associates of Cleveland
Pan Pacific Guppy Association
East Coast Guppy Association
Gateway Guppy Association
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club
Guppy Associates International Chicago
Maumee Valley Guppy Association

SHOW DATE

March 30-31
April 13-14
May 4-5
May 18-19
June 1-2
June 15-16
June 29-30
July 20-21
August 3-4
September 7-8
November 8-9-10

Judging Seminars: Guppy Associates of Milwaukee and Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Meetings: Big Apple Guppy Club and Maumee Valley Guppy Association

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL I.P.G.A. MEMBERS

For the last three years, our November bulletin has had a special touch added with pictures and articles that YOU, the members, have sent in. This year there will be no special issue, we are sad to announce due to the fact our public sub committee received no input for creating an anniversary issue. However, this does not mean there won't be more in the future.

In the past, we have received numerous photos and suggestions for themes from our members as well as using photos that we have taken at shows and in member's homes. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend any shows this year, so we have no current pictures to fall back on. In order to create the type of issue that everyone seems to enjoy, we need YOUR help!

We are taking this opportunity to invite all I.P.G.A. members to please feel free to drop us a line concerning suggestions, questions or photos. Our address is: 27 Wayne Place, Nutley, N.J. 07110. Jamey and I love doing this special bulletin every year but we CAN'T do it alone. We would like to assure anyone interested to send us photos that they will be handled with the utmost care and will be returned to you unharmed. We can use color or black and white photos.

So PLEASE, let's get our anniversary issue back! And it will cost you, in a little of your time. Thank you.

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"MEMORIES" by Capt. Frank Ortesca

As far back as I remember, I have always been interested in fish keeping as a hobby. My first fish were Goldfish and kept in the standard Goldfish Bowl, later I advanced into tropicals kept in larger 1 gallon glass jars. Naturally out of all the tropicals mollies, platys, tetras, neons etc. the hardest and most proud were the Guppies and in a short time that is where all my interest went.

I was in the 5th or 6th grade when I first read "All About Guppies" it was somewhere in the reading of that book, that I became hooked for "life" on Guppies. After that the only books I was interested in had to be about Guppies. Over the next few years I found and read "Guppies as Pets", "Hybrid Guppies", "Guppies in Color", "Guppy Handbook", "Enjoy your Guppies", "Know your Guppies", "Fancy Guppies", "Portrait of the Guppy", "Guppies", and years later "How to raise Show Guppies" and am now waiting for Alan's book on Guppies to be completed. I'll never tire of reading about Guppies.

In these books I've just mentioned, the thing that fascinated me more than the Guppy were the people who bred them. They consisted of Doctors, cabinet maker, Railroad employees, people from all walks of life and all part of the country. All with one common goal, to breed and improve the beauty of the Guppy. Each individual taking their own route to achieve their goals. Guppy people are different, they seem to be more knowledgeable about breeding, genetics, keeping fish in show condition etc. We can see things in the Guppy that other fish hobbyists can not see, and it does not bother us when they put their noses up at us. A fellow Guppy breeder we all know recently told me he did not feel like breeding Guppies any longer because the people he worked with laughed at him. So What, Big Deal. We've all been laughed at, at one time or another when people don't understand something they laugh at it or criticize it.

I went thru a 7 year period where I didn't keep any Guppies. It wasn't until after I got married that I got back into it. It was the fall of 1974, I had been married about a month, my wife and I went to an Aquarium Society Show. It was very interesting seeing all the different species of fish, but when I came to the section with Guppies, it was like seeing an old friend of mine. I couldn't believe how much progress the Guppy had made. The bodies and caudals seemed huge and the colors unbelievable. I had never seen yellow Guppies before (Ed Porters) and had to find out who bred them, and if he belonged to a Guppy club. I knew G.A.G.C. existed years ago but didn't know if they were still active. The people putting on the Aquarium Show

were unable to help me at all. I went on a mission after that and thru a pet shop. I received the names of a Don & Mildred Craft. Don was president of G.A.G.C. at the time and encouraged me to come to their next meeting. He took my name and address for their mailing list. I know this may sound dumb, but I still remember the excitement of receiving my first meeting notice in the mail. I really wish I had saved it, memorabilia can be made up of many things not just trophies.

My first meeting was Jan "75" I felt awkward since I didn't know anyone, I asked a friend of mine who was not interested in the fish hobby to come along with me. This wasn't the first time he had done this for me, used to drag him to Salt water club meetings. He really thought those were a bore and didn't really want to attend a Guppy club meeting but Nick was the type who would never let a friend down so he came with me. I can't speak for every club out there but I can tell you G.A.G.C. was the friendliest group of people around. Everyone talked to us before the meeting started, and during the meeting Don Craft gave a talk in English that we could understand. I really felt right at home. We weren't even out the door yet and Nick was telling me how much he enjoyed that meeting, he also advised me to quite going to the Saltwater meetings and stick with the Guppy people. I took his advice and never looked back.

Since that time G.A.G.C. has changed membership a dozen times. If someone would have told me in January "75" that eventually I would be the only one left out of that group, I could not have imagined it. Especially since that group included names like Don & Mildred Craft, Alex and Jackie Kovacs, Ed & Carol Porter, Earl Kornfeld, Al Stacy, Kathy Wolf, Dick Stuart and a few months later Terry & Sheila Werylink. I could not have believed at that time you could lose members like that and survive. But new names came along like Jim & Joan Herdoun, Dave & Marilyn Arms, Ron & Dave Rush, Frank & Chuck Marmino, Charlie & Sandy Hall, John & Rhina Bonoff, and now Ed & Chris Blake, Dorothy Arms, Eric Heyworth, Larry & Rose McIntyre, Rich Serve, Jim Schoffner, Ed Regec, and Cheryl Harris, and the 1985 Version of G.A.G.C. keeps rolling along.

This hobby has given me a lot of beautiful memories, and has given me the opportunity to meet people from all over the country. As you can tell by my letter, the Guppy is not just a passing fad with me. It is a definite part of my life, and I'm not embarrassed to say that thru the years the Guppy has turned from my hobby to my most loyal friend and I'm looking forward to the next 10 years with my friend. Hope to see you all at the Annual this year!

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KEEP THE BEST
...GET RID OF THE REST

by Dan Fita,
 Pennsylvania Keystone Guppy Association

When to CULL is sometimes a question! In all my experiences as a Guppy Breeder I have heard many opinions about when to effectively cull. Some say when the fish are at least four or five months of age, depending upon the strain which determines their particular rate of development and maturation. This does have some very good advantages. First it allows you to see which fish are better comparing size, color and proportions. Only the best is what you should show or consider breeding. If you cull too soon you will never know what potential those culled fish would have exhibited. However, I've seen this done carried to the extreme. What is the purpose of keeping runts until they reach maturity? You should not breed it for the obvious reasons of deteriorating your strain and taking up precious tank space while consuming expensive food. Since it is neither good for breeding nor showing why keep it?

What does make good sense to me is to do the following: When a female has delivered a new brood of fry, I examine them very carefully. Then, I cull out any deformed fry or fry which are extremely smaller in size than the rest of the brood. When valuable tank space is badly needed and to be effective one must always be quite ruthless in culling. This is always necessary in order to keep the strain from deteriorating, and also a necessity if you hope to improve it. When one sees that some males, at two months of age, are growing poorly with very uneven caudals and others that are not the correct shape, it is time to cull again. Now when females are clear colored in the caudals I wouldn't take the chance that they could pass this trait on to their male offspring unless you desire to lighten the basic color. When you have fish who are four to five months old ask yourself what can be done with them? Do the males have good body size, dorsals that are the same color as the caudal? Are the dorsals unnotched and smooth? Do the caudals have a nice even-edged and do they exhibit a pure hue of color, evenly distributed throughout the caudal? Know your strain and when they mature.

Considering this, are the dorsals developing three lines as long as they are wide for a Delta tail? Assuming that most of your males are of good size, shape and color, and your females are of good size and show good depth in the abdominal region, which ones will you choose for breeders and which would you choose for showing? Ruthless culling is again necessary: you must pick out only your very best to breed and for showing. It takes up valuable space and money for food to raise guppies for show; you really do not have any room for those who cannot be used for either breeding or showing. What should you do with the culled fish? Sell or give away any specimens that are not first class, because I can not stress enough: **"Breed and Show only the Best."**

You decide when to cull! In doing so, always use practical common sense and good judgment. Keeping your strain pure and improving it are very important things to consider. Remember, if the fish you are raising do not qualify as potential breeders or show stock, why are you keeping them? Remember to save time, space and quality food by keeping only the best, and get rid of the rest!

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TO THE FEW FROM THE MANY!

As another show year comes to a close and for some a term ends it is with heartfelt appreciation that we acknowledge your profound contributions for a task you repeated again so admirably. Were it within our power we would all join round and clasp your hand and thank you for your time, talent, effort and guidance you gave so that this organization would continue to grow.

Tom Allen, President: who helped set an example, by his show attendance, entries, kindness in helping others, firmly adhering to the judging standards, retaining an amalgamation of diverse and widely scattered clubs, and active leadership in the advancement of the IPGA as the guppy standard.

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NOTE: Concerning the article "A Borrowed Fish Food Formula" in last month's issue: some who tried it surfaced questions that were sent to the author. Perhaps when they are answered Dr. Holmes will share them with us. The author was Phil Baker, Exchange Editor of "The Wet Thumb" of the Cleveland Aquarium Society, 15610 Chatfield Ave. Cleveland Ohio 44111.

LOOKING BACK on the article "And what do you think" that was printed in the April issue in which I stated how the yellows and grays were an easy win situation for anyone to enter I still believe it true. But having tried these strains and seeing all the disqualification of entries, I take my hat off to those who are able to successfully breed them. Yes you can win with out much competition but you must have fish that qualify and there lies the tremendous problem that plagues all who try. [Yes I still get comments about that article] - Josh Wilson

the constantly changing corresponding membership status as well as the club membership rosters.

Elvin Cooney, Nominating chairperson: for giving the delegates a fine slate of officers to elect from.

Jim Thale, Publicity chairperson: for advancing the IPGA programs.

Ann Bader, Publications chairperson: for keeping the ideals and stature of the IPGA Bulletin high and their aid and council during the relocation transition.

Bill Orth, Awards chairperson: for the tedious and timely calculations necessary to enable the awards program to succeed smoothly.

Bob Curran & Gene Wiatka for updated dissemination of information as where to purchase breeding stock.

The Show Chairpersons and club members who helped make each show a success.

The Judging Board and Judges for uniform fairness in the awards competition.

And the Members, without whom there could be no IPGA.... THANKS

BAG THEM RIGHT

by Al Anderson

There are some people who need to learn how to bag fish. I saw some small fish brought to the club meeting to be verified for the B.A.P. Program. There were 8 one inch fish in the bag and two were already dead and the guy couldn't understand why. He said they were healthy at home. They appeared to be well fed and the water looked Ok in the bag except for one thing. There was no air in the bag and it was a small baggie. When transporting fish one needs air in the bag.

When fish are packed right they will tolerate a long term in the bag. One good rule to follow is Do not feed the fish for 24 hours before shipping. This will allow them time to purge themselves so their own waste will not pollute their water. Ship them in clear water. Never use water that is cloudy for that means the bacteria in the bag is competing with the fish for oxygen and they will always win over the fish.

To keep the slime coat on the fish a product like "Mynaque" or "Stress" should be added to the shipping water. When either of these products are used the fish are coated for their new home. Water always differs to some degree from aquarist to aquarist.

The bag should be filled with air so that it is taut. There are 2 ways to seal a bag. One is with a rubber band and the other is with a tight knot. I prefer to use the knot for it discourages re-use of the bag. The bags fish are shipped in should not be re-used for if they are, bacteria may have built up in them and just be waiting for new food and/or medium to grow in.

After the bag is sealed it should be put into a light proof container like a cardboard box. This way, the fish will be quiet and not jump around doing damage to itself and other tankmates. A styro box is not sufficient. They get enough light to see. If you only have a styro box to put them in, place the bag holding the fish in black trash bag then into the box.

When shipping fish at, bags should be doubled so that there are no corners for the fish to be trapped in.

Try to ship the fish during a time of year when the temperature is between 65 and 80 degrees. If the fish arrive in cold weather and they look dead, draw some 90 degree tap water and float the bag. They might just be in a suspended condition.

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CROSS-BREEDING

Continued from Sept

HETEROZYGOTE:

As a rule the more heterozygous individuals are the more vigorous individuals. Selection, therefore, especially phenotypic selection, favors the heterozygote. The progress of purification is retarded. The heterozygote can never be fixed but will continue to segregate in the general ratio of 1AA:2Aa:1aa. Since selection favors the heterozygote over the homozygote the population selected as breeders will possess proportionately more Aa individuals: let us assume 1AA:5Aa:1aa

Crossbreeding studies are in general accord with theoretical expectations. Crossbreeds have usually exceeded the average performance levels of the parental purebreds by margins which are relatively small on a percentage basis for any one trait. Often on a cumulative basis they are large enough to be important in terms of total production efficiency. Increases have been most important for traits most depressed by inbreeding and those expressed early in the development of the individual.

Advantages from crossing of breeds appear to be of sufficient importance that more breeders should give serious consideration to the development of systematic crossing programs if maximum performance is to be attained.

There are virtually limitless numbers of crossbreeding systems which could be used. Those most often used include

1. Two-breed crosses. Only first-cross or F-1 offspring are produced with all sold or shown but not used for future breeding. It takes advantage of individual heterosis for vigor, survival, growth, efficiency, or other traits. It does not take advantage of heterosis for maternal traits.
2. Backcross. First crosses are made with males for shows. Crossbred females are mated to males of one of the parental breeds and all offspring are sold or shown. This system takes advantage of maternal heterosis and of a part of individual heterosis.
3. Three-breed crosses. Males of breed A are mated to females of breed B and the resulting male offspring are sold or shown. The A x B females are bred to males of breed C and all offspring sold or shown. The system takes advantage that breeds can be used to complement each other. For example, breed A or B or both can be selected from among those with good maternal abilities while breed C (often called the terminal male breed) can be selected for desired growth, efficiency, and body traits.
4. Sequence breeding. Systems in which males of two or more breeds are used in sequence on crossbred female populations.
5. Criss-crossing is a systematic program with a sequence of two breeds. Males of breed A are mated to females of breed B to produce the first crossbreds. Females from this first cross are then mated to males of breed B to begin the system. In crisscrossing systems a backcross is necessary in the second generation. Nevertheless, in mating crossbred females to males of one of the parental breeds (backcrossing), the first generation crossbred females can express heterosis for maternal performance.
6. Rotational crosses is a system of crossbreeding which systematically uses three or more breeds. In a system using three breeds, males of breed A are mated to females of breed B. The two-breed cross daughters are mated to males of breed C. As the rotation continues, the offspring will tend toward having 57 per cent of their inheritance from the breed of their immediate father, 29 per cent from the breed of their second father (paternal grandfather), and 14 per cent of their genes from the third breed.

The offspring from a two-breed crisscrossing system will be expected to express about 2/3 of the heterosis exhibited by the initial crossbred offspring of the two breeds. This follows from the fact that matings will be between purebred males and crossbred females with 2/3 of their inheritance from the other breed. For the three-breed rotational crossing, heterosis would be expected to be about 8/7 of its maximum. Again this follows since the males of one breed are mated to females with 6/7 of their inheritance from breeds other than the breed of their mate.

It is generally recognized that each gene has several divergent effects and that the more favorable effect tends to be dominant over the less favorable effect. Thus, if a given gene affects, let us say, five characters and one of the effects is highly desirable and rather conspicuous, selection is apt to favor this gene even though its other four effects are not revealed because each in turn is covered by the dominant or epistatic effect of another gene. Thus, in part at least, the presence and persistency of lethal genes in guinea pigs may be explained.

I would like to invite the International Fancy Guppy Association to participate in the establishment and maintenance of the Aquarium & Tropical Fish Forum. The ATF is a computer-based electronic data center - the communications media of the past decade. Specifically the ATF Forum on CompuServe's Information Services is used to enhance communications between specific individuals with similar interests in aquariums and tropical fish. Information storage and retrieval is available through the Data-Library area.

Sub-topics, which will be dedicated to areas of specific interest within the general topics areas include: Aquarium Products, Fish diseases, Aquarium Plants, Aquarium Photography, Tropical fresh water fishes, and What's New (for exchanging information on "Hot Topics" like legislation, new fish discoveries and recent scientific and hobbyist publications.)

In order for this effort to be successful, a cooperative effort must be made to exchange information and provide expertise on the ATF Forum. There will be no membership dues to join the ATF but one needs a CompuServe access code.

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Copies of this were handed out at Gateway Guppy Auctions and it may be helpful when you purchase new fish. Sent in by Charile Zesch GGA ..

You have just spent effort and money to obtain the fish of your choice, so please spend a little time to ensure their continued good health.

Place your new fish into a drum bowl, jar or bucket. Check the pH of this bowl and compare it to that of the tank that the fish are to occupy. If different, gradually equalize the pH of the new fish's water.

Next, allow the temperature of the water containing the fish to become the same as that in its new tank. This may be done by floating the container.

Now for the final and most important part. Add a little of the new tank water to the new fish's water. Do this gradually until you have doubled the original amount of water holding the fish. Take as long as possible on this last

step.

O.K., all is now ready. Introduce the fish to their new home by dipping them out of their container into the new tank. Throw the original water away as it might contain contamination not needed in the new tank.

Some hobbyists put new fish into an isolation tank for one or two weeks. This makes it easier for the fish to acclimate to new surroundings, handling and different food without other fish around. It also allows time for the hobbyist to check out the fish's health and behavior.

(The following partial article on feeding new fry is included as an additional food source. While the article was written for betta fry it can be adapted to use with the guppy.)

A BETTA RELIFE

by Robert Riggio, South Flor da Aquarium Society

In my opinion, the initial feedings of the fry determine the outcome of the brood. There is, however, a great deal of disagreement over what foods are best for the initial feedings.

My best results have been obtained with live microscopical foods supplemented with a slurry of Tetra-min E. For a long time I relied upon infusoria cultures as a source of living microscopical food. Recently, however, I switched to rotifers and have obtained better results.

Neither infusoria or rotifers are difficult to grow. It is essential, however, when feeding such creatures to know just what you are feeding. For this, one needs a microscope and some basic knowledge of microbial life forms.

I culture infusoria by adding three dried lima beans and six rabbit food pellets to a quart jar containing aged aquarium water. This concoction is allowed to sit. Over the course of several days it goes from a bacteria rich soup to one packed with "ciliates" to finally a dense culture of Paramecium. It is only when this Paramecium stage is reached that the culture can be harvested for feeding to the fry. Both the bacteria and the "ciliates" which precede the Paramecium are much too small even for the tiny betta fry. A quick look at a sample from the culture under a microscope will reveal when this stage is reached.

Normally the culture will enter the Paramecium stage about five days after it is set up. Thus, one must begin setting up cultures three or four days before the drop date. Once I set up an initial culture, I set up a new one every day thereafter for the next three or four days.

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HORMONES by Dr. Eugene C. Larr

There has been a lot of excitement about the use of hormones on guppies. We are talking about the male hormone, TESTOSTERONE, or its related compounds, with which we will test our females. Such testing can give us information about the genetic traits she may contribute to a given cross. The treating of a male fish with testosterone will do nothing as far as making him change since he already has the ability to manufacture testosterone, simply because he is male.

There have been several testosterone mixtures printed in the literature and the one given below is generally used.

0.1 gram of methyl testosterone is mixed into 100 cc of 70% ethyl alcohol. This is then mixed into 900 cc of distilled water thus making our stock solution.

This stock solution will be used in two different ways, which I have called the SHORT METHOD and the DESTRUCTIVE METHOD. For testing this hormone should not be added to fish food, as it is impossible to know the amount of hormone the fish is receiving.

We must understand what we are doing to the female fish in this kind of testing. You will recall that the female has no Y chromosome and therefore cannot manufacture testosterone. When this hormone is added to the water in which the female is living, we cause her to absorb it, thus making her cells act as if they were male cells. As the cells react, a change slowly takes place. She will start showing traits she carries, but which may only be visible in the male fish because of his natural ability to produce testosterone.

SHORT METHOD: The female or females to be tested are placed in a small bare tank, the volume of which is accurately known. To this container we will add two (2) drops of stock solution every other day for each gallon of water in the container. We will keep adding this same amount and no more until the female gives the information we are seeking. A calendar is a must to keep a record of the dosage. Females to be used for breeding should be treated for no longer than four or five weeks. Beyond this time she may become sterile. We are looking only for a hint of coloration, so as soon as this appears, stop the treatment. Place the tested female in another tank of untreated water for a rest of about one month before she is placed with the chosen male.

This type of testing is very good for controlled breeding for color of tails and fins. Some females exposed to this test will never lose all their new coloration, but are still all right for breeding.

DESTRUCTIVE METHOD: With this type of testing we will deliberately destroy the breeding ability of the females to obtain the maximum genetic information. A pair of fish are mated and first litter of young are separated, male and female, at about the age of four weeks. We will use all these females for testing. The young females are placed in a small bare tank as before, but we will now add six (6) drops of stock solution every day for each gallon of water the tank contains. With this amount of testosterone in the water as the young females grow, a striking change takes place... until they have developed heavy coloration and a well defined gonopodium. We now class these females and find what percent of them fall into the different types of characteristics our testing has revealed.

Some time has passed and we now have more young from the original parents. These young have been separated into male and female so that we now have a number of females that can be used in breeding. If in the destructive method of testing, we find that all the females look alike (which is most unlikely) we can choose any female from the new young for further breeding. Generally one finds that only a small percent of the test females show the traits we want, so we must mate the chosen male to a fair number

of the new females in order to get the results we are seeking. To further help, we may use the SHORT METHOD on all the new females to narrow our selection.

It has been reported that there is a genetic difference in the young fish from litter to litter born of the same parents; however, this has not been my experience, and I have often wondered about the validity of such statements. When one is working with large numbers of fish and using virgin females, I don't see how this condition could arise. However, if the female is not a virgin, it is easy to understand how such mistaken and erroneous reports could be made. When a non-virgin is used it is extremely difficult to say that the sperm from a given male is doing all the fertilization. Therefore, it is of almost importance that virgin females be used in all genetic experiments. The only sure way of obtaining virgin females is to separate all the young fish at birth, each in its own jar, until the sex has been established beyond all doubt. Remember, it has often been truly said that a baby male guppy knows he is a male long before we do!

Experiments have shown that a new male introduced to a previously fertilized female while she is giving birth, will sire some 95% of the next litter. When a new male is introduced to a previously fertilized female three days after she has given birth, about 55% of the next litter will be from the new male. However when the new male is introduced 7 or 8 days after the female has given birth, the new male will have fertilized an extremely small percent of the next litter and most likely he will have fertilized none of them. As you can see, even under the most ideal conditions all the young from the next litter will not be fertilized by the newly introduced male. Incidentally, these same kinds of experiments have shown that the female guppy is receptive to the male for only about the first five days of her cycle. As I have said, to get the most precise genetic information, we must use virgin females. However, if you want or need to use a non-virgin female, you must introduce the new male as the female is giving birth. Since he is now with the non-virgin female, discard the next three litters; by this time all the next litters will be from the new male. This is an excellent plan to use when one is working with only a few females of a given type.

Next we will be discussing some of the genetic traits which are known and fully understood. Here we will get a glimpse of the breeding and testing techniques necessary to define a given genetic trait and how to use this information.

CAUTION: When we are using these hormone mixtures, we must take a few precautions. Never use any equipment such as a net, dip tube, syphon, or food dispenser in the test tank which you might use in another tank of fish. Keep the test tanks labeled and set aside when not in use they should be used only for testing. Do not put your hands into the water of a test tank or let the stock solution come into prolonged contact with your skin. Remember, this material is effective in only a few parts per million! Follow the normal precautions of storing the solution out of the sight and reach of children and unknowing adults. I know of no reported mishaps, and if we use some discretion with these materials we will not cause such an incident to occur.
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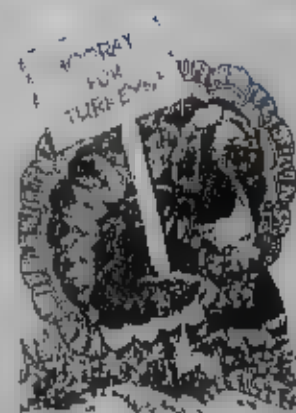
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to give thanks for...
and an abundance more...
during the coming year....

WAYNE AND VICKY



WOW Now this is effective
B. J. Linn
I like to see you put this
in a little of the
the Marine Show!

VICKY "I tell you I think my fish will never
ambit to show ever. I am happy with their
quality but not the size. The only arg fish
that I have in any tanks are plus than I
purchased from other breeders. None of my own
are developing and the drops are becoming a rare
occurrence. I feed often and change water but I
have not even kept for the last 3 months
because the fish was hard v. anything I keep
records of. You have to know me Wayne everyone
keeps asking why I don't show any of my fish. I
was alright as long as I did not feel ready but
now after a year and on a half I want to show or
at least give to show but nothing is developing
at any significant rate."

however but colder fish room may need heat
during the summer. Open windows makes them
comfortable especially when it is so humid and
muggy outside but some conditions have taken a
coil on the development of your fish. You have
some young in tanks on the bottom even the
are getting wider but remain ne small. No matter how
much you try to feed to the bottom grow... cold
water will nullify the effect and hamper growth.
I know last year your tank water was up to 80
degrees but that was on the 1st floor and during
a very hot summer. I felt not take anything for
granted keep checking each and every variable
of a tank's environment.

Wayne "Well Vicky I know you were concerned
with humidity in the colder fish room and you
opened a small window in June and I have been
open now for three months. The summer has not
been extremely warm and along with the cool
light the temperature in your tanks may be
affected. Let's check this out. I don't see a
thermometer but the water feels cool to my
fingers. Oh here is a thermometer in the middle
container. Let's put it in the tank on the middle
level and wait. Okay, it reads 88 degrees
and this is still August. I know it is hard to

Vicky "There is still to have to heat the
colder and at the same time run an air cond
furner to cool the first floor. Maybe a
colder fish room was not the smartest idea after
all. I want to show fish and in the beginning
I had a thermometer in all my tanks that I kept
watching. But going from 5 tanks to 40 tanks
there is a tendency to a set off and take room
temperature for granted. The water was very
comfortable for me to work in. I had continued
to adjust the refill water temperature at 78-80
degrees but that must have been a shock step to
the fish in a 68 degree tank."

WELCOME

We wish to welcome the following new P.P.G.A. Corresponding Members and invite you to participate and gain fulfillment from our interesting hobby

Lawrence Hax, John J. Rodgers, Gary Shaffer, Wilfred Freeman
Buckingham, IN Warren, NJ Baltimore, MD St. John, Quebec, Canada

COMING EVENTS

NOV 10 I.P.P.G.A. Annual Show (M.V.G.A.) Toledo, OHIO

WANT AD will be printed free (including equipment and special type fish until the allotted space is full.

Nov 8th 1PM Judging Seminar

Nov 8th 10AM Annual Meeting

Nov 9th 7PM Awards Banquet

9PM Dance

Nov 10th 10AM - 130PM Auction

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CLUB CORNER

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOUR CLUB?

* KEEPIING IT A SECRET ? *
Can't tell if we don't know!

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS CORNER

Little things sometimes help a lot. Here's one I've found that really works and there may also,

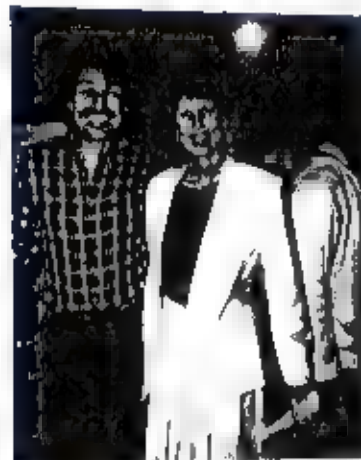
When brine shrimp hatching bottles (plastic or glass) develop scum on the inside, there is a quick and easy way to get them clean again, safely. Use no soap, no brushes, and no scrubbing. Just follow this simple recipe.

"COCKTAIL-SHAKER BRINE-SHRIMP BOTTLE-CLEANER"

1. Thoroughly rinse bottle with clean water. Empty bottle.
2. Put into the bottle 3 lbs. of aquarium gravel (2 to 3 millimeters in diameter).
3. Add into the bottle 1 cup clean water.
4. Put cap on bottle. (Your thumb or the palm of your hand over the opening works well.)
5. NOW do a "COCKTAIL-SHAKER" routine: The gravel swirling around against the inside of the bottle will thoroughly clean it.
6. Hold bottle up to the light. Inspect, and repeat "SHAKING" if necessary.
7. Pour out, straining gravel and water thru a kitchen sieve retaining gravel for next use.
8. Wasn't that easy? Happy "SHAKING"!

By Claude D. Holmes, Jr. M.D., Coral Gables, FL

A word just received from our northwestern member, who just relocated in Yellowknife, North West Territory Canada. Bill Aiken sends word he has no tanks set up yet. He when he does you can be sure there will be many supplies a team.





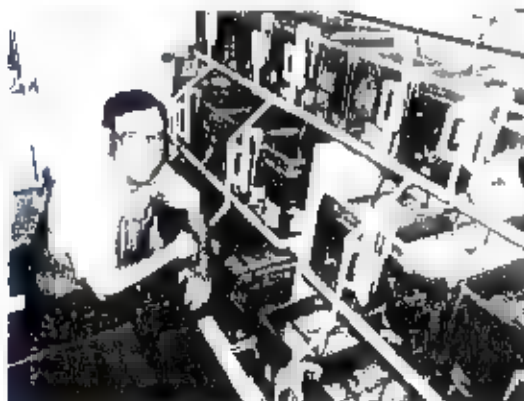
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for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n \geq N$, we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x) - \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right| < \epsilon.$$


7. The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Hilbert's
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TOM ALLEN

TED LOBELLO

PRODUCT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE	QTY	EXT
FAY-RIT PRODUCTS	EARTHWORM PLUS	3 1/2 OZ.	\$ 3.50		
	EARTHWORM PLUS	14 OZ.	\$ 7.50		
	EARTHWORM PLUS	3 1/2 OZ.	\$ 3.50		
	STARLE FLAKE	1 1/2 OZ.	\$ 3.50		
	STARLE FLAKE	14 OZ.	\$ 7.50		
	STARLE FLAKE	1 LB.	\$ 33.50		
	GOLDFISH FLAKE	3 1/2 OZ.	\$ 3.50		
	GOLDFISH FLAKE	14 OZ.	\$ 8.00		
	GOLDFISH FLAKE	1 LB.	\$ 37.00		
	BABY FOOD	1 OZ.	\$ 1.99		
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	OSCAR PELL. (SINK)	14 OZ.	\$ 2.99		
	OSCAR PELL. (SINK)	14 OZ.	\$ 3.50		
	GOLDFISH PELLETS (SINK)	14 OZ.	\$ 3.49		
	GOLDFISH PELLETS (FLOAT)	14 OZ.	\$ 3.49		
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	VITAMIN BRICKS	36	\$ 12.00		
RIO-MARINE	DAPHNIA	8 OZ.	\$ 6.00		
	BRINE SHRIMP EGGS	14 OZ.	\$ 7.00		
	BRINE SHRIMP FLAKES	8 OZ.	\$ 7.00		
AQUATIC SPECIALTIES	FISH NETS (3X12)	1	\$ 4.75		
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	FISH BAGS (3X12)	500	\$ 13.50		
	FISH BAGS (3X12)	1000	\$ 25.00		
	FISH BAGS (10X18)	50	\$ 4.00		
	FISH BAGS (10X18)	100	\$ 7.75		
	HARDY - MED	1 OZ.	\$ 2.00		
	HARDY - MED	1 PT.	\$ 20.00		
	SHREDDED SHRIMP	8 OZ.	\$ 3.00		

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SEASON	GUPPY FLAKE FOOD	2 OZ.	\$ 1.50		
	GUPPY FLAKE FOOD	14 OZ.	\$ 7.50		
	GUPPY FLAKE FOOD	1 KGS.	\$65.00		
	COLOR FLAKE FOOD	2 OZ.	\$ 1.50		
	COLOR FLAKE FOOD	14 OZ.	\$ 7.50		
	COLOR FLAKE FOOD	4 KGS.	\$65.00		
	FD TURBIFEX WORMS	30 GMS.	\$ 0.50		
	FD TURBIFEX WORMS	110 GMS.	\$ 0.50		
	FD TURBIFEX WORMS	2.5 KGS.	\$145.00		
	FD BRINE SHRIMP	25 GMS.	\$ 1.50		
	FD RED BLOOD WORMS	10 GMS.	\$ 1.50		

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TOPIC OF THE MONTH SURVEY FOR DECEMBER - FILTERS

How Important are Filters.

Are some types more efficient or effective.

How long can you get along without them

Can frequent water changes replace their need

What is their most important function for you.

Are Filters a carrier and source of disease

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION

Please send your ideas for a composite article on this subject and a survey report of what you as individuals are doing about filters. To make analysis of the survey more meaningful, certain questions are included to categorize the respondents into sections because of the many combinations of variables affecting filtration. If you have a fish bowl with three fish or a room full of stocked tanks, at us hear from you, your opinions are important. Over 300 of you receive this bulletin each month and as with any survey the larger the cross section the more who respond to this questionnaire...the more accurate will be the interpolated results.

Which filters do you like best?

- Undergravel filters
- Outside flow filters
- Outside power filters
- Inside box filters
- Diatomaceous filters
- Sponge (dirt magnet)
- Other

Do you Test your tank water for

Ammonia
 How often
 Ph reading
 How often

How many fish do you keep per gallon of tank water?

Fry... <10/gal
 20/mo.
 >30/gal.

How often do you change or clean filters?

Weekly
 Bi-weekly
 Monthly
 Bi-weekly
 Other

Adult... 1/gal
 3/gal.
 >5/gal.

What do you use in your filter

Filter floss
 Charcoal
 Marbles
 Other

Approximately how many tanks do you maintain

Bare tanks
 Planted tanks
 1 gal bowls
 1-5 gal tanks
 10 gal tanks
 15 gal tanks
 20 gal tanks
 >30 gal tanks

How fast do you run your bubble filter?

Slow bubbles
 Medium
 Fast

Do you syphon from the bottom

What is the pH of your tank water

Acid below 6.8
 Neutral 7.0
 Alkaline above 7.2

How much water do you change at a time

What is your average tank water temperature

below 72 degrees
 71 to 79 degrees
 above 80 degrees

Do you age your water

Do you treat your water with what

How often do you feed your fish

What percentage of food do you feed

Dry food %
 Live food %
 Frozen food %

How often do you change tank water?

Do many fish die for unexplained reasons

Do you have occasional problems with disease in your tanks

How much light do you provide your tanks

Natural light only

Natural & artificial light

Artificial light less than

6 hours

8 hours

more than 8 hours

Is algae a problem in any of your tanks

How often do you empty and clean your tanks?

Do you use additional aeration with your filter system?

Do you use snails in your tanks?

Do you use outfish in your tanks?

Do you use soluble vitamins in your tanks?

How long have you been raising fish
breeding guppies
showing guppies

Have you won any top 4 places at any shows

Have you won any annual IFGA classes

How many species of fish do you raise
Percentage of guppies

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE,

for your participation in this survey

Please tear off these last two pages!

(include your comments below and on the back of these last two pages)

Fold and staple or scotch tape, place a stamp and mail your response back to the Publications Committee.

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December 25, 1985
Merry Fishmas
and
Guppy New Year!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



MIKE & DORIS LASTELLA

The biggest problem I had with my first message to you as president, was how to start. After about ten or eleven different opening lines, I gave up and just started writing.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new club, Ontario Guppy Breeder Associates into the I.F.G.A. We hope to see fish shown from your club in the shows this year. I noticed you made a good start with your novice breeder.

The 1985 show season is history and for 1986 the points have started to add up. Most of you have set up your breeders for next year. If you have not, you probably are a little behind schedule.

In setting up your breeders you must kely set some for yourself for the 1986 season. Why lo setting these goals why not set a goal to do something for the I.F.G.A. There are many things we al. can do, such as write an article for the bulletin. I have to admit that I have been one of the "bad guys" as far as writing articles. I think I only wrote two in the last ten years. If writing is not your strong point there are many other things you can do to help the I.F.G.A. You might have some extra fish. If so your name, phone number and strains you have when given to the editor could perhaps start a feature column of fish available. This way people looking for blues won't eat you when all you have are reds. Another thing you could do is go to your local aquarium see if they and donate some fish for auction. Another person will see them and possibly start breeding guppies. That could result in another potential new member for the I.F.G.A. I would also like to hear any ideas you might have.

I would like to thank Tom and Pat Allen for a job more than well done. The many years of service they have given are more than we can ask of anyone. Yet we do not lose Tom completely for he continues as head of the Judging Board. Thank you Tom and Pat.

In closing I would like to thank you all for having the confidence in me to make me your president and with your help I hope to continue the job as well as the others that held it before me.

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Minutes - I. F. G. Meeting

November 9, 1985 - Toledo, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 10.18 a.m. by President, Tom Allen. The roll call was as follows.

Club

Big Apple Guppy Club
Buckeye Fancy Guppy Club
Columbus Ohio Guppy Specialists
East Coast Guppy Association
Fancy Finny Friends
Florida International Guppy Association
Gateway Guppy Association
Greater Delaware Valley Guppy Society
Greater Virginia Guppy Club
Guppy Associates International Chicago
Guppy Associates of Cleveland
Guppy Associates of Lafayette
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee
Guppy Associates of Toronto
Heartland Guppy Club
Houston Guppy Club
Indianapolis Aquarium Society
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders
Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Michigan Guppy Breeders
Midwest Guppy Club
Pan Pacific Guppy Association
Pennsylvania Keystone Guppy Association
South Jersey Guppy Group
Tri-State Guppy Group
Western New York Guppy Group

Representative

Frank Schultenbrandt - D
Rich Serna - D
Don Saurers - D
Mike Lastella - D
Peter Tedesco - D

Everett Gold - D
Paul Blood - D
Bill Schoenbauer - D
Gene Gollimowski - D
Charles Hall - D
Bill Orth - D
Frank Barta - A
Eugene Wiatka - D
Vi Gollimowski - A
Harold Morgan - D

Darrell Johnson - D
Ellen Armitage - D
Stan Shubel - D
Tom Warkburn - A
James Alderson - D
Joshua Wilson - D
Dave Polunas - A
Steve Prochak - A
Paul Evans - A

D - Delegate

A - Alternate

Paul Blood moved to accept the minutes as printed in the December 1984 I.F.G.A. bulletin. Harold Morgan seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - Ted Lobello

A	Balance as of April 4, 1985		\$4,451.17	
B	Income			
	Judging Books	\$ 50.00		
	Bulletin Back Issues	36.00		
	Bulletin Subscriptions	1080.00		
	Trophy Sponsorship	15.00		
	Interest Income	134.65		
	Advertising	80.00		
	Entry Forms	13.50		
	Award Cards	<u>233.50</u>	\$1,798.82	
C	Working Capital (A + B)			\$6,249.99
D	Expenses			
	Secretary Expense	\$ 32.43		
	Bulletin Expenses			
	Postage	1230.05		
	Supplies	430.84		
	Dad Check	2.00		
	Membership Chairperson	51.25		
	Award Cards & Shipping	330.37		
	Judging Seminar Expense	<u>21.40</u>	\$2,106.34	
E.	Balance as of November 1, 1985			\$4,143.65

Paul Blood moved to accept report as read, subject to audit. Josh Wilson seconded
Passed

The books were audited by Paul Blood and Frank Barta and were found to be materially correct

Judging Board Report - Tom Allen

The following people passed the written test at the seminar in Milwaukee.

Josh Wilson -- he is now an assistant judge

Bill St. Clair -- he is now an assistant judge

Neil Rammecher -- he is now an assistant judge

At this seminar the visual was passed by Allen Eddy. He has completed all the requirements and is now an accredited judge.

The board recommended that perhaps we go to one seminar per year instead of the usual two. There does not seem to be sufficient people attending the seminars to continue holding two per year.

Frank Chang asked whether it would be possible to use a visual program for the seminar. However, Tom reminded the delegates that it was necessary to have 2 senior judges in attendance in order to correct the test. Paul Blood also recommended having a visual program at a show not scheduled for a seminar.

Ellen Armitage asked if the requirement about attending a seminar every two years (if we go to holding only one per year) would put a burden on people being able to attend. Discussion followed. No decision was made.

The judging board at their meeting talked about the Gold Class. They decided to do nothing about it now. Leave it as is for another year--then a decision will be made.

Discussion followed on what to do about this class and others like it. Ellen Armitage suggested having a class at a show without a fee or a trophy to see how the class will go. Discussion followed but no decision was made.

The judging board at their meeting discussed initiating a lighting standard for the I F G A. Present lighting conditions can cause pressure on the judging team as well as the exhibitor. The board has recommended that after 2 years all shows have fluorescent lighting down the middle of the aisle--lights to be at a 45° angle. The types of bulbs used should be in this order.

Vita light
Day light
Warm white
Cool white

Much discussion followed on this. Everett Gold felt that by allowing 4 different types of bulbs, we were really not standardizing the lighting. Some people had strong feelings that one bulb was better than another. Some delegates also discussed the cost of installing lighting. It can be done cheaply if a club checks around for different ways of acquiring the equipment.

Tom discussed one way of disqualifying a fish. In order to meet the reasonable size requirement, a fish must be at least 1/2" in body size and have a recognisable (per standards) caudal shape.

The judging board has recommended that at least one judge from another region be present at a show. It is up to the club to carry this out. The board hopes this will head off any problems that may develop.

Tom talked about judging the caudal size of a male. The problem seems to be in those fish that are 1 to more than 1. From now on the board will be teaching our judges to no longer give this fish one extra point as we have been doing.

Three accredited judges have lost their accreditation. They are Terry Wasyluk, Marilyn Johnson and Frank Janciol. Tom Washburn was reinstated at this show because he had judged 3 shows during this year, had attended a seminar, and was approved by the judging board.

The following 3 points were brought up by the judging board and discussed by the delegates:
Point 1 -- Superwide. Do nothing now. If a show wishes to have this class they may do so.

Point 2 -- Angle spread of a delta. The board said the ideal is 60° and that fish would get 4-5 points. A 65° caudal would receive 2-3 points. The board recommended that anything over 65° would no longer get the minimum of one point but would now get 2-3 instead.

Point 3 -- The board has considered increasing the angle spread of both the veil and delta. Stan Shubel feels that most fish we are now seeing are over 60° and are now nearer to 70°.

Ellen Armitage said that the Maumee Valley Guppy Club has purchased a trailer for their new equipment. They are working on ways to be able to rent their equipment to other clubs. It was suggested that they discuss this among their club members and write an article on their findings for the bulletin.

Membership Report - Vi Golimowski

Another club, the Ontario Guppy Breeders Association that has 26 adult members and 3 junior members, is asking for membership. This will be voted on under new business.

Vi also reminded all clubs that their rosters and dues must be taken care of by March 1.

Ability Report - Jim Thule

Jim announced that many more clubs sent in their show notices to him so he was able to pass this information on to other publications.

He said him your show information at least 90 days prior to the show. He needs at least the date of the show and the name and phone number of a person to contact.

Awards Report - Bill Jrtb

Bill is giving up the job of taking care of the awards and show points. Thanks Bill for the job well done.

Bill went through the list of classes. He will contact those clubs that were unsure if they were still sponsoring a class. Jim Thale will pick up a class if any become available.

Josh Wilson is sponsoring a Supervised Combined Dolor Class for next year (90" or more or caudal size). It is recommended but not mandatory that a show include this class. For the next year, a fish with a caudal size of more than 90 will be disqualified in the regular classes.

Publications Report - Rich and Ann Bader were not present to give a report.
- Josh Wilson as new editor gave his report.

The judging booklet is ready and will include the section on judging the female if this section is voted on later in the meeting--under New Business.

Josh asked about including a video a part of the publications committee. This will be discussed later on in the meeting.

Central Clearinghouse - Tom Allen for Bob Curran for the U.S.A.

Bob is resigning his position. Thanks Bob for all of your hard work.

Bob did report that he has received over 50 letters. He has answered these letters but is finding that the breeders are not answering their inquiries. Please be sure to do this if you receive an inquiry even though you may not have the stock needed.

Central Clearinghouse - Eugene Wiatkwa for Canada

Eugene is also receiving letters but said he is finding that the purchasers are not giving answers from the breeders. Eugene would also like to get an updated list of breeders that are willing to sell their stock.

Show Rotation - Mike Lastella

Following is the official list of shows for 1986. This was voted on by the delegates:

Gateway Guppy Association	April 12-13
South Jersey Guppy Group	April 26-27
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders	May 10-11
Guppy Associates International Chicago	May 24-25, Seminar
Pan Pacific Guppy Association	June 21-22
Guppy Associates of Cleveland	July 12-13
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee	July 26-27
Jockeys Fancy Guppy Club	August 9-10, Meeting
East Coast Guppy Association	September 13-14
Big Apple Guppy Club	October 31, November 1-2, Seminar--Meeting

Old Business

The motions that were made at the April meeting were voted on.

The motion made by Gene Golimowski to accept the female judging standards was passed. Josh Wilson can now include this section in our judging booklet.

The motion made by Gene Golimowski that the first meeting be held during the last two weeks of July or the first 2 weeks of August was defeated. There was much discussion about this motion but nothing could be agreed on.

The motion by Dennis Hirth that a club that is hosting the first meeting be given reference in choosing a date was reworded to read that the club hosting the first meeting be given their preference date as long as that date is within the current requirements. This motion was passed.

The following 3 classes were sponsored though not mandatory for the 1985 show season. Harold Morgan moved to accept the 1/2 black red female class. Gene Golimowski seconded. This motion was defeated.

Harold Morgan moved to accept the bronze female class. Tom Washburn seconded. Defeated. Harold Morgan moved to split the snakeskin class--solid and variegated. Tom Washburn seconded. Passed. It is now mandatory for a show to include these classes.

Gene Golimowski has sponsored the bronze female class for another year. This class is a recommended class but not a mandatory class.

Tom received a copy of Dr. Axelrod's new book. A blurb about the I.F.G.A. was included in the section on guppies. This book was passed on to Josh Wilson to be part of the publications committee.

Frank Ortesa started a discussion once again about standardizing the Annual Award. He would like the award to include a medallion that was used several years ago. Much discussion followed with no decision made. Paul Blood moved to table this discussion until the first meeting in 1986. Gene Golimowski seconded. Passed.

Our Nominations Committee--Elvin Cooney, Gene Golimowski, and Ellen Armitage

Gene Golimowski heralded the election of officers.

For Treasurer--Ted Lobello

Paul Blood moved to close nominations. Don Saurers seconded. Passed.

For Secretary--Doris Lastella

Paul Blood moved to close nominations. Josh Wilson seconded. Passed.

For Vice President--Jim Alderson

Bill Orth

Frank Barta moved to close nominations. Everett Gold seconded. Passed.

For President--Paul Gork

Mike Lastella

Paul Blood moved to close nominations. Frank Schalterbrandt seconded. Passed.

Paul Blood moved to vote on the uncontested positions--Treasurer and Secretary. Don Wilson seconded. Passed.

Secret vote was taken for Vice President. Bill Orth won.

Secret vote was taken for President--Mike Lastella is our new President.

Minute Break

AW Business--Mike Lastella took over the meeting from now.

Mike moved to thank all retiring officers. Harold Morgan seconded. Passed.

Vote was taken to accept the new club--Ontario Guppy Breeders Association. Gene Golimowski moved to accept this club. Paul Blood seconded. Passed.

Harold Morgan moved to accept the following division of the country by class
Paul Blood seconded. Passed

West

Lakeview Guppy Association
Guppy Associates International Chicago
Guppy Associates of Lafayette
Guppy Associates of Milwaukee
Pearlman Guppy Club
Houston Guppy Club
Midwest Guppy Club
Pac Pacific Guppy Association

Midwest

Buckeye Fancy Guppy Association
Columbus Ohio Guppy Breeders
Guppy Associates of Greater Cleveland
Guppy Associates of Toronto
Indianapolis Aquarium Society
Indianapolis Guppy Breeders
Maumee Valley Guppy Association
Michigan Guppy Breeders
Ontario Guppy Breeders Association

East

Big Apple Guppy Group
East Coast Guppy Association
Fancy Finny Friends
Floridan International Guppy Association
Greater Delaware Valley Guppy Club
Greater Virginia Guppy Club
Pennsylvania Keytons Guppy Association
North Jersey Guppy Group
Tri-State Guppy Group
Western New York Guppy Group

Mike announced that all committee people, except those who have given up their jobs, will remain the same. He will appoint people to fill in the vacancies.

The judging board recommendations see Judging Board Report were discussed again. It was recommended that motions be made at the next meeting covering these recommendations so that they can be voted on at the Annual Meeting next November.

Paul Blood moved that the Annual show judging credits be given to the following year--the he names go as a tabulated. Harold Morgan seconded. Passed. This will be effective in 1987.

It was also recommended that at the next meeting a motion be made to accept the judging board recommendation about the Supervisor class requirements. The requirement would be that the male must have a caudal spread of at least 90° while still maintaining the 1 to 1 body to caudal ratio. If this is put in motion form at the next meeting, it can then be voted on at the annual. Points will be given for grand overall only.

We will need to have a motion that requires a judge in arrears must attend a seminar before he can be reinstated. This can be done at the next meeting for a vote at the annual.

Paul Blood moved that if a class is not accepted after being sponsored for one year, it can remain in its present state if still sponsored. Frank Schulterbrandt seconded and passed.

Frank Schulterbrandt told the delegates that this will be the last year that he will be able to make books to use at the shows. Be sure to get your order in to him now. Thanks Frank for doing these books.

1 as was videos from the seminars. Discussion followed on how
 to be used by clubs

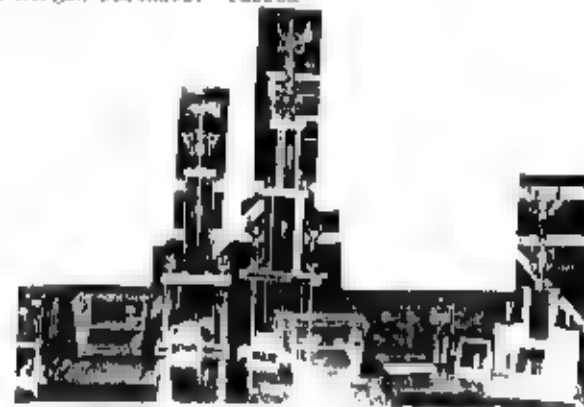
Bill moved that the videos on the I.F.G.A. judging seminars be made available
 to all members, price to be determined, and that Josh Wilson be reimbursed for
 the cost of the videos. Harold Morgan seconded. Passed

James Winters asked if anyone had written to the Austrian club about the fish they
 sent that came in dead. Frank Schulerbrandt of the Big Apple Group said a letter
 was sent to them and that he is even willing to pay for the shipping of the same
 amount of fish to their next show

Paul Blood moved to adjourn. Harold Morgan seconded. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 1.32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Pat Allen
 Outgoing Secretary



Trophies presented for the 1985 Season
 With fish in tanks and a photo of winners

Plaque awards given for the Maumee Show
 Ann Bader, Pat McCarty, & Ellen Armitage

Photos by Staff

WELCOME

We wish to welcome the following new IPGA Corresponding Members and invite you to participate and
 gain fulfillment from our interesting hobby

Jale Venenga Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Tammy Arman States Island NY	W R Rouds San Jose, CA	Carl Barker Jr Louisville, KY
Roe Lynn Elkhart, IN	John A Yates Radcliff KY	Creighton Boika Traverse City MI	Edward A Stocum Laramie, WY
Javid Greenfield Augusta, GA			

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FROM MVGA *

I just want to say thank you to all our friends near and old who helped to make our show a great success. As show chairperson I know it takes a lot of hard work from each club member. Our club has to have some of the greatest members, none of whom ever sits back and waits for someone else to do the job; they each just go ahead and pitch in. Thank you all!

A "SPECIAL" Thanks to everyone who attended the show because without you there would be no fun or excitement at the show. I only wish I had had more time to visit with each of you. To John Macky, Bill St. Clair, Stan & Elhei Shuhai, Pat Allen, Ross Barta, Evert Gaid, Josh Wilson, Dan Vitel, Allan Bias, Mike and Doris Lantella, Frank & Jeanne Jammet, Bill & Judy Orth, Barb Longer, Bob Rüdinger, Paul Evans an extra thank you for your help. People like you helping only makes a show run smoother. A small club like ours would have a lot more work with out you.

Thank you to the people who shipped fish. I know we can't attend all shows but we missed your smiling faces. I hope I have not missed anyone; if I did thank you also.

Ellen Armistead MVGA

THE ANNUAL IN REVIEW

The 1985 Annual was not only very successful but also provided new innovations of which we might all take note as possible additions to present standard operating procedures.

1 The show room was selected to give easy access for unloading the trailer loaded with the show benches, frame work, and bowls through a double door adjacent to the driveway.

2 A large legible directory of classes was posted at both ends of each exhibit row which made locating the various classes an easy task.

3 The outstanding awards trophies were displayed on a special table along with some of the winning fish. Also included were photography of the winning breeders. Any visitor could easily recognize WHO won WHAT and HOW.

AWARDS PRESENTED FOR THE 1985 SHOW YEAR

Best Novice Award (Sponsored by John Wolcott) awarded to Bill St. Clair

Club of the Year Award (Sponsored by East Coast Guppy Association) given to Big Apple Guppy Group

Tom and Pat Allen were given an award from the Big Apple Guppy Group for their service to the IPLA.

The Thornton Memorial Trophy presented for excellence in breeding females by the Maumee Valley Guppy Association went to Frank Barta.

Mike and Doris Lantella were given the Guppy Man of the Year Award by Guppy Associates International Chicago.

A brief note of discontent...

For all those of you who attempted to go to the Annual Show and followed the directions as given in the bulletin. What did you do when you exited #5 gate onto I 280 and expected to find Route #20? I myself thought this was a great idea using a photocopy of a regular road map. "What could go wrong?" Yes, you guessed it, someone printed a #5 on the map where a #4 should have been placed. I did not pick up the mistake but then I live 450 miles away. Those who are in the area might have noticed it. Nothing makes a trip more uncomfortable than to follow incorrect directions. At night, in heavy traffic and during a rain storm makes it a little trying to stay in good humor when the directions get you lost. Therefore let's have some accurate maps and correct directions because there are some of us out there who have never been to your show, or city or even state before! Please keep it simple...pretend I am both stupid and thick. Thank you....

WAYNE AND VICKY



VICKY: "You know Wayne, I did very well when I was first starting in this hobby. I had five tanks and the fish grew quickly and had drops every 24-30 days, over and over again. Now I have many more tanks, use hatched brine shrimp and more quality food, but I am lucky to catch any drops here of late. The fish also have no size and they don't live long. Come in and look things over maybe you can explain what is happening. You say you will try why that is great Wayne thanks much."

WAYNE: "Well Vicky I looked at your fish room schedule as of now and back to a year ago and found a lot of changes. When you first started you changed 10% water every day with aged water, now you do it once a week with treated water and a 25% shock treatment. You started with planted aquariums and floating plants a trio to a tank and an external flow filter. Now you have all bare aquariums, no place for the young to hide and 10 adult fish to a tank, you use sponge filters and change them only once every 3-4 months. You used to feed several times a day and use adult and baby foods, you used bright lights for 14 hours a day and had lots of green water, now you use 1/3 to 1/4 of that amount of light on at any one time. You checked the pH and added baking soda every week now you never check the pH and add baking soda only when the fish hang at the surface. In the beginning you had drops of 6-20 then you started getting drops of 100 and more and tried to raise them the same way. As a result the fish became over-crowded and stunted. Now you feed four times a day when you think of it, and use only adult foods and hatched brine only for the young. You have too many tanks and too many fish in each tank."

"You must make some decisions.

Are you breeding for quality or quantity?

If you can't cull your fish get out of the show circuit?

If you can't care for all the tanks empty some and don't use them all.

If you can not feed consistently with quality food don't over feed."

"Oh yes 6 females with one male will give you more potential young but where are you going to raise them and did you think why they are not producing like they did when it was only a trio in a tank?"

VICKY: "I will take all these questions and discuss them with my friends at our next club meeting after I have given them some serious thought myself... thanks for your honest laugh and brutal critique."

How Important are Filters

"They are a must they are the umbilical cord of the hobby"

Are some types more efficient or effective

"To each his own, probably but mine is perfectly adequate"

How long can you get along without them

"Forever well get out of the hobby"

Can frequent water changes replace their need

"No, and Yes but I'm lazy"

What is their most important function for you

"Cleanse out floating trash, circulates and maintains an even temperature"

Are Filters a carrier and source of disease

"Yes, but can be cleaned with salt"

Which filters do you like best?

1. Undergravel filters _____xxxxx
2. Outside flow filters _____xxx
3. Outside power filters _____xxxx
4. Inside box filters _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
5. Diatomaceous filters _____x
6. Sponge (dirt magnet) _____xxxxxxxxxx

How often do you change tank water? _____

- Continuous drip _____x
 Daily _____xx
 Weekly _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 Bi-weekly _____xxxxxx
 Monthly _____x
 3-4 Months _____x

How often do you change or clean filters?

- Weekly _____xxxx
 Bi-weekly _____xxxxxxxxxx
 Monthly _____xxxxxxxxxx
 Bi-monthly _____xxx
 When needed _____xx

Do you Test your tank water for

- Ammonia _____xxxx
 How often _____monthly
 pH reading _____xxxxxxxxxx
 How often _____weekly
 Never test _____xxxxxxxxxx

What do you use in your filter

- Filter floss _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 Charcoal _____xxxxxxxxxx
 Marbles _____xxxxxxxxxx
 AmoCarb _____xxx
 Domite _____x

How many fish do you keep per gallon of tank water?

- Fry ... <10/gal _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 20/gal _____xxx
 >30/gal _____xxxxx

How fast do you run your bubble filter?

- Slow bubbles _____x
 Medium _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 Fast _____xxxxxxxxxx

- Adult... 1/gal _____xxxxxx
 3/gal _____xxxxxxxxxx
 >5/gal _____xxxxx

What is the pH of your tank water

- Acid below 6.8 _____x
 Neutral 7.0 _____xxxxxxxxxx
 Alkaline above 7.2 _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 8.2 _____x

Approximately how many tanks do you maintain

- Bare tanks _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 Planted tanks _____xxxxxx
 1 gal bowls _____x
 1-5 gal tanks _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 10 gal tanks _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 15 gal tanks _____xxxxxxxxxx
 20 gal tanks _____xxxxxxxxxx
 >30 gal tanks _____xxxxxx

What is your average tank water temperature

- below 72 degrees _____
 73 to 79 degrees _____xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 above 80 degrees _____xxxxxxxxxx

Do you syphon from the bottom .
 Yes xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 No x

How much water do you change at a time
 10% _xxx
 15% _xxxxxx
 25% _xxxxxx
 30% _xxxxxx
 100%_x

Do you age your water
 Yes _xxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Do you treat your water _ with what _
 Yes _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 Startrite_x Stresscoat_xxx Novemba_xxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxx

How often do you feed your fish per day
 Twice _xx
 3 times _xxxxxx
 4 times _xxxxx
 5 times _xx
 6 times _xxxxxx
 8 times _xxx
 every two hours _x(when possible)

What percentage of food do you feed
 Dry food _%
 10% _xxxx 25% _xxx
 50% _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 65% _x 80% _xxxxxx
 90% _xxx 100% _none

Live food _%
 20% _xxx
 30% _xxxxxxxxxxxxx
 50% _xxx

Frozen food _%
 10% _xxx
 20% _xxxxxxxxxx
 50% _xx

Do many fish die for unexplained reasons
 Yes _xx
 Sometimes _xxxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Do you have occasional problems with disease in your tanks
 Yes _xxxxxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

How much light do you provide your tanks
 Natural light only x
 Natural & artificial light _xxxxx

Artificial light
 6 hours _xx
 8 hours _xx
 more than 8 hours _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Is algae a problem in any of your tanks
 Yes _xxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxx

How often do you empty and clean your tanks?
 Never _xxxxx
 When diseased _x
 Bi-weekly _x
 Bi-monthly _xxxx
 Every 4 months _xx
 Every 6 months _xxx
 Yearly _xxx

Do you use additional airstone aeration with your filter system?
 Yes _xxxxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Do you use anails in your tanks?
 Yes _xxxxxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Do you use catfish in your tanks?
 Yes _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxx

Do you use soluble vitamins in your tanks?
 Yes _xxxxxx
 No _xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

How long have you been raising fish ?
 2 years _xx
 3 years _x
 5 years _xx
 15 years _xxx
 20 years _xxxxxxxxxx
 25 years _x
 32 years _xxx
 40 years _xx

breeding supplies ?
 1 year _x
 2 years _xxxxxx
 4 years _xxxxx
 10 years _xx
 15 years _xxxxx
 25 years _xxx

111 BYE, CONTINUED

Comments: It is surprising how many breeders raise both guppies and albino catfish and several to equal proportions 50% each (Therefore, the odds on this month's issue are somewhat even on catfish). The most tanks maintained was reported at 388, of course the breeder if it means anything, happens to live in Texas. Most breeders use a combination of 5 and 10 gal tanks.

Outside box filters are second to none. You derive several benefits from inside box filters and separate the harmful bacteria. By running the bubble filter at a medium to slightly faster rate, you can overcome ammonia problems that may occur. Fast water circulation tends to make the caudals ragged however, strong water circulation makes the fish swim more and exercise which makes them grow faster and develop stronger peduncles. Water changes should not be as frequent with breeders as with growing fry because it has a harmful effect on the condition of the eggs flowing caudals of show fish. Algae is a useful source of maintaining a balance of pH and ammonia in the water? Feed young fry much more frequently than adults over 5 months of age. Catfish hamper young fish as well as changing the pH of your tank water. Many people use undergravel filters in their display tanks. Every once in a while a breeder will have to destroy a tank or two of fish because of disease (I report they destroy they do not treat any sick fish). Occasionally fish die from a wasting disease. One food fed takes a long time. Fish continue eating, no hemorrhaging, only hits older fish.

Some show or aimed girls with the disease (Others note a wasting disease with females who display a sunken stomach who some times live for months but never improve or bear young).

Reviewing the habits of show winners did not indicate any substantial differences some changed water weekly or monthly from 10% to 25%, most still fed dry food along with 10-25% live food. Surprising not many used frozen food and all fed 4 or more times a day.

One breeder adds oats because they are easy to syphon and all his fish readily eat them. To the question "Do many fish die for unexplained reasons?" one breeder responds "None of my fish die like that, they wouldn't dare!" Another breeder does not keep snails because she can not keep them alive in her tanks, a lot of others would like to be so lucky! Others state they would like to make water changers much more often than they are able to.

In answer to some questions to the editor: I no longer have swordtails. A sample entry form will be printed in a future bulletin. Photos of winners will be compiled and printed for the readers to gauge the size and finnage of potential entries. A periodic listing of "Sellers of stock" will be compiled. Not everyone answered all the questions so the number of x's indicates only a proportion of the total responses. Thank you for your time and interest.

A last but stimulating comment received, "This is a great idea. Let's have more!"

THE CORYDORAS CATFISH AND CLEAN AQUARIUMS

by Dan Finn
Pennsylvania Keystone Guppy Association

When I speak of aquarium cleanliness that is not suggesting that the Corydoras will do all the cleaning while you sit back and do nothing.

Keeping an aquarium clean naturally requires changing one-third of the water once weekly while syphoning out the debris on the bottom of each aquarium, and changing the filter every few weeks.

I have just recently discovered that the tanks without a corydoras catfish had more debris to syphon out than those tanks that contained at least one corydoras. The question is, WHY? Well, first of all let me clarify a myth that catfish eat fish feces. They do not any more than any other fish would. They benefit the aquarium by devouring any uneaten particles of food laying on the bottom of the aquarium. When they scour the bottom of the aquarium searching for food they set the debris in motion, in such a manner as to be drawn to the suction action of the aquarium filter.

Catfish cannot work miracles by being entirely responsible for aquarium cleanliness. Routine weekly water changes are still required as well as syphoning out the debris that accumulate at the bottom of the aquarium. The corydoras catfish is a good friend to have around; it can make aquarium management easier.

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Tired of paying high prices for shrimp eggs? We were and were fortunate to come up with a new quality source at good prices. We can now share this good fortune.

These UTAH Eggs are vacuum packed in one pound cans which come 12 cans per carton or in 100 pound fiber drums. They are dry, clean, and guaranteed to yield at least a 75% Hatch. (Minimum hatch is Guaranteed to yield more than 185,000 nauplii per gram of eggs. If you don't like them, we'll buy them back.

Now to the good news:

1 pound Can (454 gm.)	-	\$16.50
1 CARTON (12 X 1 pound CANS)	-	\$180.00 (\$15.00/CAN)
2-5 CARTONS	-	\$156.00 (13.00/CAN)
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SPAWNING CORYDORAS

As far as I know, all corys spawn in a similar fashion. If one has successfully spawned them that method must have been correct. Let's take a look at my method:

SEXING: If you have a few corys and you notice one of them is fatter than the others, you could assume that it is a female. I found that some corys grow faster than others and consume more food, so it is bound to be bigger and fatter. On the other hand, basic bone structure will remain the same. The female's bone structure is larger to accommodate her reproductive organs. For this reason, I look at my corys from the front rather than from the top, and since the female's entire bone structure is larger, her eyes are always further apart. Of course, it is hard to check this unless you have a number of corys to draw a comparison upon.

The male cory's eyes will always be closer together (in proportion to his body) than the female's. Sexing them this way is a little tricky at first, but once you get the hang of it you will be right at least 80 percent of the time.

SPAWNING: The standard procedure of using at least two males for each female is still the best. One male can not possibly keep up with a good female. I keep my trios in an all glass 10 gallon tank with only a corner bubble-up filter. Corys prefer to lay their eggs on a dark surface, so if you use a slate bottom tank, they will lay their eggs on the bottom of the tank. This may be detrimental to the eggs since they are not easily collected and during the collection you will tend to pick up uneaten food and waste material that may cause rapid fungus of the eggs.

In an all glass tank they will lay their eggs all over the sides of the tank (usually in clumps of two or three, to fifty). When I see eggs in the tank, I usually place the eggs in a gallon container with fresh tap water of the same temperature as the trio's tank. I have found that the chlorine in

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